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Bless This Land

A new kind of christening

By Ellen Snortland
LA Downtown News Columnist

The day was clear, cloudless and hot beneath a powdery blue sky as my friends and I stood on the land where our Altadena home once stood. In response to an email invitation I had sent in late May, people came from the neighborhood and all over the city. We welcomed friends from our All Saints choir, my writing classes, Landmark, Ken's Macintosh user group days, my theater career, our grief and loss recovery group, my 12-step friends and more. The email read:

"Dear friends and family,

The Rev. Tim Rich, the priest in charge at All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, will conduct a blessing over our property on Wednesday, June 11, at 4 p.m. Ken and I would be honored if you could join us and lend your support as we begin again. Please bring something tiny, like a penny, to leave on our property. It can be a charm, or anything you can imagine that will leave future

archaeologists scratching their heads! Love, Ellen and Ken. P.S. If this is too triggering or weird for you, I understand. You don't have to be Episcopalian (we aren't) to participate in this ceremony. You can be of any faith, including no faith, undecided or Wiccan... doesn't matter."

Many of us Altadenans are feeling a fresh wave of sorrow since the fires, myself included. It's as if we were sleepwalking through the initial months. Now, at the six-month mark, our fog has lifted, and our hearts are breaking anew. Experts warn us that this grief may last for years. Duly warned.

A few weeks ago, when I heard our beloved Rector talk about blessing a parishioner's burned-out property, I burst into tears. I realized we needed that, too. I knew we were selfishly asking Rev. Rich for his attention during such a nationally nightmarish time, given the military presence in our city and elsewhere. However, I also knew that our ceremony would serve as a proxy for so many of us — an opportunity for much-needed



healing — so we forged ahead.

Being a theater geek at heart, almost anything I do has to have a ritual or theatrical aspect; this ceremony had both. To start, I read what I'd written aloud from a printed page, as I could barely hold my emotions together. "We've gathered because we need to acknowledge our grief and trauma, no matter the source. While today might seem like a ceremony for one piece of land, we're really mourning the broader losses: loss of human life, over 6,000 homes gone, a community changed forever, wildlife lost — deer, bobcats, mountain lions, birds — and the destruction of Altadena's cherished urban forest with thousands of years of tree growth gone overnight."

After my remarks, our white female architect, Cole Butler, read the land acknowledgement (take that, DEI enemies!) For the people who can't accept that we stole already occupied land from the Tongva-Gabrieleno people, please occupy somewhere else.

Then we took a show of hands of how many people in attendance had been impacted by the wildfires. Everyone raised their hands, whether because their own home burned down or family and friends' houses had been gobbled up by the voracious fire sparked by the greedy, criminally negligent Southern California Edison.

Rev. Rich had us take turns reading a service in a "call and response" style that he had prepared and printed, which included a "Litany of Lament." All the paragraphs touched me, but especially the one that read: "Guide us to be responsible stewards of your creation, to care for the earth and all living beings with reverence and compassion. Grant us the wisdom to make choices that protect

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LA Stands Against ICE

'City of dreams' protests federal immigration enforcement

By Alicia Venter

LA Downtown News Staff Writer

When the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) launched raids in several Southern California communities on June 6, Angelenos swiftly took to the streets in protests for its status as a sanctuary city. Over a week later, protests continue throughout a city under curfew, facing Marines and the National Guard in a battle between federal law and state sovereignty.

Though the official number remains unclear, the White House on June 11 said that 330 immigrants had been arrested in Los Angeles since ICE raids began on June 6.

Tens of thousands of Angelenos have protested in the streets since the raids began on local businesses across LA. Some have used the protests for vandalism and attacks against police vehicles and officers.

President Donald Trump has repeatedly supported and defended the ICE raids and has activated the National Guard and U.S. Marines for maintaining order as they ensue.

The clash between Gov. Gavin Newsom and Trump, through interviews, briefings and social media, has been nonstop since the raids began. Trump has said he would support the arrest of Newsom and Mayor Karen Bass after border czar Tom Homan said he would arrest anyone who obstructs enforcement. Both Newsom and Bass have called for the federal government to stop ICE raids in Southern California.

Newsom dared Trump to arrest him in an interview with MeidasTouch, a liberal activist media group, on June 9.

"I told the president, just get it over with, arrest me, move on," Newsom said. "If you need some head to scalp, do it with me — but stop messing with these kids."

Newsom sued Trump's use of the National Guard and, on June 12, District Judge Charles Breyer said Trump's guard activation violated the 10th Amendment of the Constitution, ordering them returned to Newsom's control by the following day. However, a few hours later, an appeals court put the order on hold until a hearing on Tuesday, June 17. Until then, they will continue under Trump's command facing protesters in

Downtown LA, as of the weekend.

"Destroying not only the foundations of our democracy, the best again of the Roman Republic and Greek Democracy, but now our economy is at risk because of the recklessness and cruelty of Donald Trump," Newsom said on June 12. "The indiscriminate cruelty of Donald Trump."

The city has an 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew in effect, and as of June 10, the LAPD is on "tactical alert," activating a departmentwide operational posture, allowing for the reallocation of officers rapidly, holdover shifts as needed and prioritizing major incidents. It's also extended watch hours, deferred days off and alerted off-duty officers for potential deployment. LAPD Chief Jim McDonnell has disputed the claim that the department wants the National Guard in Los Angeles.

"Our priority is simple," McDonnell said during a June 10 press conference. "Keep both the public and law enforcement officers safe and to maintain order. To the public, we fully support your right to peacefully protest, but let me be absolutely clear: Those who choose to incite violence, engage in vandalism or graffiti, and/or attack officers will be arrested. There is no tolerance for criminal activity under the guise of protest."

Alongside Newsom's stalwart opposition, Bass has also called for the end of immigration raids in Los Angeles. In a press conference on June 12, she stood with more than 100 labor, immigrant rights, business and community groups, calling Los Angeles a "city of dreamers" and denouncing claims that "our city is a city of mayhem."

"If you support the immigrant community, you know how to do it in a peaceful manner," Bass said. "We are proud to say that we have well-established, well-respected immigrant rights organizations that have been holding protests for years and years that have never devolved into violence. To characterize what is going on as our city is a city of mayhem is just an outright lie. I'm not going to call it an untruth. I'm not going to sugarcoat it. I'm going to call it for what it is, which is a lie."

The day before, she was joined by more than 20 mayors and local officials from across Southern California, calling for an end to federal immigration raids

throughout the region. The federal government is trying to cause fear and panic, she said, when it raids Home Depots and workplaces, tears parents and children apart and deploys troops in the street.

The belief was echoed by Mayor Peggy Lemons of Paramount, who called the raids a "shameful destruction of people's lives who have been here for decades," and Mayor Arturo Flores of Huntington Park, stating "militarized immigration enforcement has no place in our neighborhoods."

The federal government is presenting what is happening in Los Angeles as "un-American," per Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kris-

ti Noem, calling protesters "thugs" at a press conference on June 12. She, alongside acting ICE director Todd Lyons, told the press stories how ICE arrested gang members who killed two people during botched catalytic converter thefts and of a man who committed a mass shooting at a graduation party in 1994. At the same press conference, Sen. Alex Padilla was forcibly removed and handcuffed after interrupting Noem.

ICE Raids continue in LA, as do the protests them. Now, the protests have grown across the country. Over the weekend, "No Kings" protests were held throughout the United States, taking place to counter Trump's policies and actions on his birthday, June 14.

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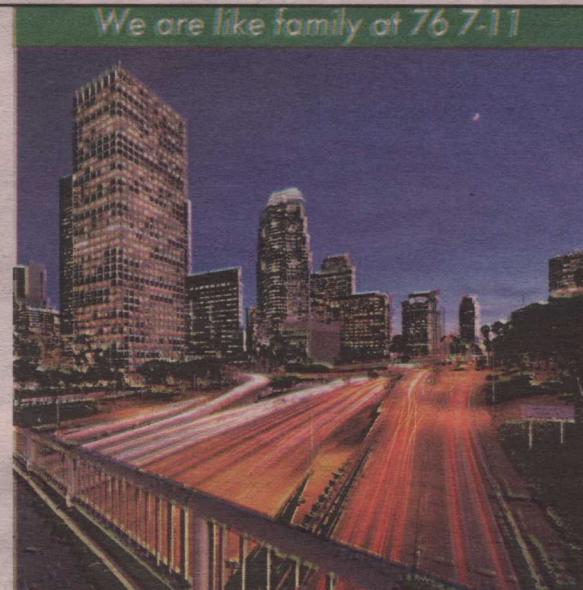
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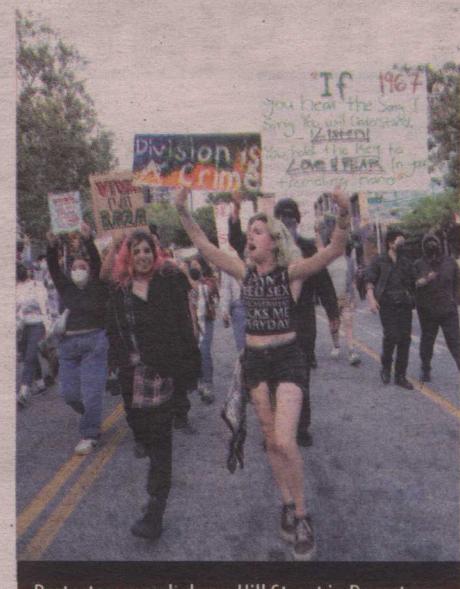
The sweeping arrests against undocumented citizens by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have been met with large-scale protests across the city of Los Angeles. Photographer Chris Mortenson was on the ground to capture images of the action during the first few days of the ongoing unrest, prompting President Donald Trump to federalize and deploy California's National Guard to assist LAPD, as well as bringing in 700 active-duty Marines to the area.



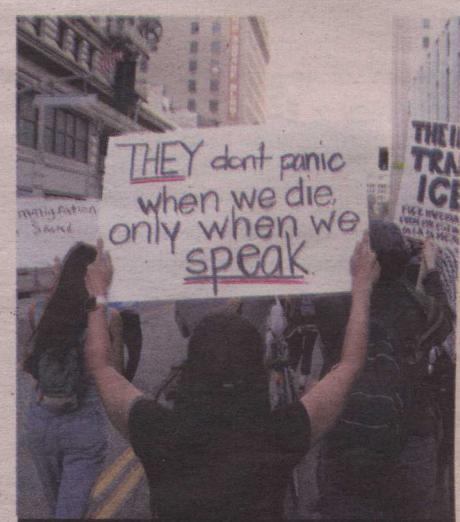
Protestors gather at Pershing Square.



Anti ICE protestors wave flags in front of Los Angeles City Hall during the sixth day of protests.



Protestors march down Hill Street in Downtown Los Angeles.



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A woman leads the chants during the ICE protests in Downtown Los Angeles.



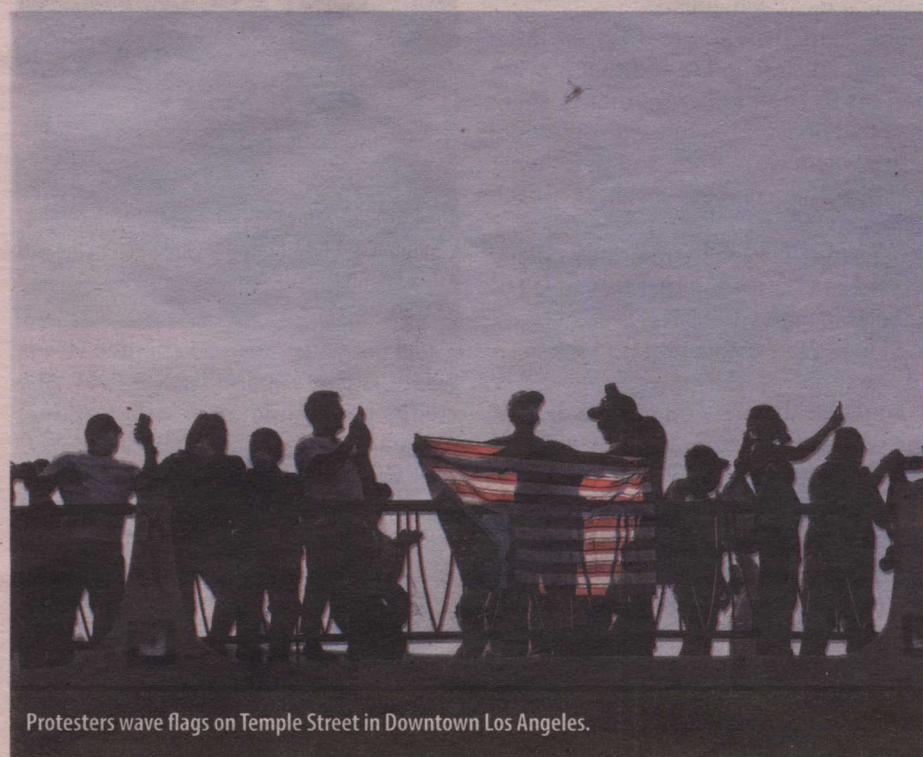
Protestors march down Hill Street in Downtown Los Angeles.



Protesters gather at the Los Angeles Mall during the ICE protests.



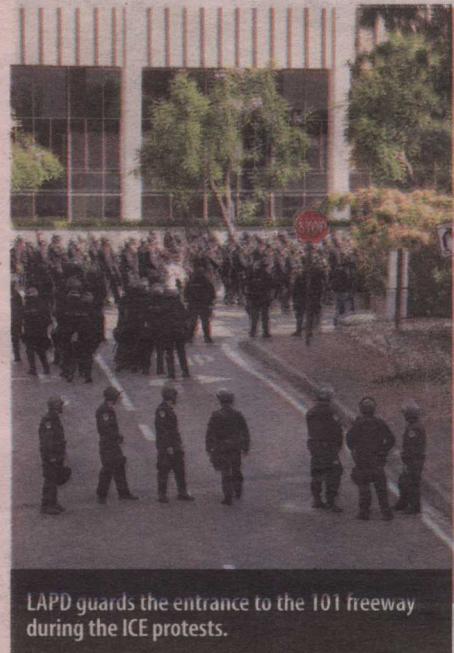
LAPD and protesters come face to face.



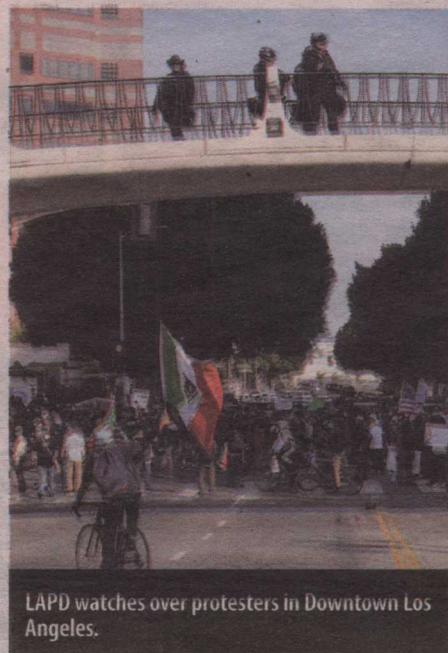
Protesters wave flags on Temple Street in Downtown Los Angeles.



Protesters make their way down Temple Street in Downtown Los Angeles.



LAPD guards the entrance to the 101 freeway during the ICE protests.



LAPD watches over protesters in Downtown Los Angeles.



A protester waves the flag of El Salvador during the ICE protests.

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Officials crack down on violence amid protests

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Protesters face off with members of the California National Guard standing guard with plastic shields in front of the Metropolitan Detention Center in Los Angeles on Wednesday. DAVID CRANE — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Arrests spike Tuesday and curfew begins; authorities announce first wave of charges

By Nathaniel Percy
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The first wave of criminal charges against violent offenders during protests over immigration enforcement were announced Wednesday as local authorities continue their attempts to curb violence as the protests entered a sixth day in downtown Los Angeles and other parts of Southern California.

The announcement of charges came a day

after Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass issued a curfew in part of downtown from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. to prevent violence, vandalism and looting that had victimized businesses in previous days. That curfew may continue for the next several days.

Federal authorities announced charges against four men — two in Los Angeles County accused of possessing destructive

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Downtown L.A. businesses toil through vandalism amid unrest

By Teresa Liu
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To Irene Tsukada Simonian, the storefront her aunt and uncle left her isn't just a place of business — it's a piece of Little Tokyo

Bunkado, which stands on the site of the historic neighborhood's first Japanese-owned store on First Street, has been in her family for three generations. Nestled just east of down-



Irene Tsukada Simonian, the owner of Bunkado in Little Tokyo, stands in her store on Wednesday. DAVID CRANE — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

APPRECIATION

Looking back on Beach Boy Wilson, 82

Musical genius behind iconic 1960s band dies

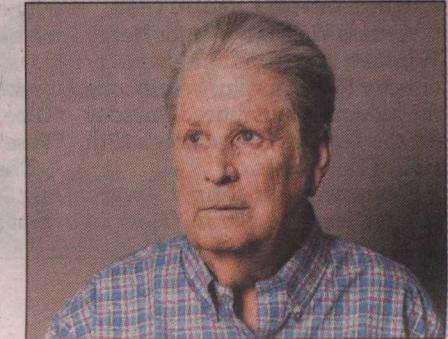
By Peter Larsen
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Ten years ago, during an interview with Brian Wilson about "Love & Mercy," a biopic about the Beach Boys leader, Wilson named "Wouldn't It Be Nice?" as his favorite song of the hundreds he'd written in his life.

Even with so many iconic songs to choose, from "Surfin' Safari" and "Good Vibrations" to "In My Room" and "God Only Knows," you could understand why he picked that one.

Its music and words incorporated the wistful hopefulness that personified so

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Brian Wilson poses for a portrait in Los Angeles on June 2, 2015. Wilson died on Wednesday. CASEY CURRY — INVISION/AP

Bass and leaders from other cities call for end of immigration raids

By Linh Tat
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Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass and officials from more than a dozen other cities in L.A. County banded together on Wednesday, offering a unified message to President Donald Trump and his administration: End the immigration raids and stop sowing unnecessary fear in our communities.

The city leaders, many of them mayors, who gathered for a joint news conference "reflect the concerns that are going on in our communities right now," Bass said, leading off the event.

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National retail group says rebound in cargo coming

By Donna Littlejohn
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While tariffs have put a damper on what had been an ongoing cargo surge at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, prospects could now be brightening temporarily with a rebound this summer, according to some projections.

The National Retail Federation and Hackett Associates said this week that import cargo at the nation's major container ports can expect to see a rebound through summer with retailers taking advantage of a 90-day

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NATION+WORLD

Weinstein convicted of sex crime charge

A jury says the ex-mogul is guilty of one of the top charges in his New York retrial but acquitted him of another. A third and last trial date is set for Aug. 15.

TITLE IX AT HEART OF ISSUE



U.S. President Donald Trump signs an executive order to reduce the size and scope of the Education Department alongside school children signing their own versions, during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House on March 20, 2018 in Washington, DC. CHIP SOMODEVILLA - GETTY IMAGES

California's school funding is in jeopardy

Trump administration threatens to withhold money due to state's policy on transgender athletes

By Molly Gibbs
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The Trump administration is considering withholding federal education funding to California schools over the state's policies on transgender athletes, U.S. Education Secretary Linda McMahon said Tuesday, contending California's policy of allowing athletes to participate in sports consistent with their gender identity violates federal law.

"I think that is part of what we found with the state of California just blatantly refusing to be in compliance with Title IX regulations," McMahon said at an event hosted by Bloomberg News. "So that is one of the tools and the other options that we have with California and I think it's right that we make them aware that that is a risk that they run."

The threat comes as the feud between Gov. Gavin Newsom and President Donald Trump escalates over the president's deployment of the National Guard and Marines to Los Angeles to stop immigration-related protests.

Politico first reported the Trump administration was considering stopping the disbursement of "formula funds" — education funds

distributed to schools based on a predetermined formula created by Congress — to California's schools. Those funds are used for a variety of programs and purposes, including support of low-income students and students with disabilities, assistance to rural schools and financial relief due to emergencies or natural disasters.

California received about \$8 billion in federal funding for K-12 education and about \$7 billion in federal funding for higher education in 2024. The state received \$1.5 billion in special education funding from the federal government for the 2024-25 school year and more than \$2.5 billion in Title I funds, which support socioeconomically disadvantaged students, \$77 million for career and technical education programs and nearly \$6 million for nutrition services for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

"The Trump administration's favorite pastime is threatening to illegally pull funding from states that don't conform to the President's political ideology," the California Department of Education said in a statement Wednesday. "California and other states have fought these actions in court and the administration has been repeatedly blocked. We will continue to fight to make sure that our tax dollars go where they are intended — to fund education programs that our children deserve."

The nonprofit California Budget and Policy Center estimated California residents and businesses contribute \$83 billion more than the state receives in federal support. California paid

nearly \$700 billion in federal taxes for the 2022 fiscal year, Newsom's office said.

Tony Thurmond, the state superintendent of public instruction, has said the Trump administration cannot pull California's federal education funding without Congressional approval.

It is not the first time the Trump administration has threatened to pull federal funding from the state over its policies related to transgender students. In March, the administration initiated an investigation into the state's education department over a controversial gender notification law the state passed last summer, asserting that it encouraged schools to conceal information from parents about their children's sexuality and warning that California could lose billions of dollars in federal funding. The administration also announced a federal Title IX review of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), the state's governing body for high school athletics, over California's policies on transgender athletes.

In May, Trump himself threatened "large-scale" funding cuts to the state if a Southern California transgender high school athlete who qualified for the state track and field championship was allowed to compete. The CIF allowed the athlete, AB Hernandez, to compete, but amended its policy so that girls who would have qualified if not for Hernandez were also allowed to compete and share the podium with Hernandez. It is unclear whether the Trump administration has engaged with CIF about

its rule changes for the state track final. A CIF spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment Wednesday.

Additionally, San Jose State University faced national scrutiny after the co-captain of its women's volleyball team joined a lawsuit in September accusing the NCAA of discriminating against women by allowing transgender women to compete in women's sports. The school is currently under a federal investigation over a potential civil rights violation for allowing a transgender athlete to compete on a women's team.

California schools also received a letter last week from the U.S. Department of Justice warning schools they are "exposed to legal liability" if they comply with CIF's policy allowing all students to participate in sports consistent with their gender identity, according to the California Department of Education. Thurmond said the state Education Department would respond to the DOJ letter on behalf of all California schools.

In a statement last week, he said the state will continue to follow California law, which protects all students' access to participate in a sports consistent with their gender identity.

"Let's be clear: sending a letter does not change the law. The DOJ's letter to school districts does not announce any new federal law, and state law on this issue has remained unchanged since 2013," Thurmond said.

Michael Nowels contributed reporting for this story.

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Popular props from iconic films will be up for grabs at July auction

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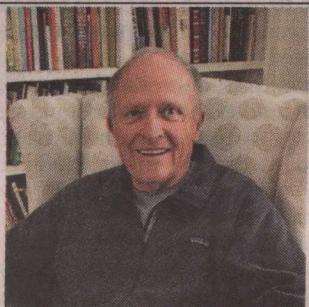
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Born on the island of Ist, Croatia, Dinka traveled to America with her family when she was 10 yrs. old and made her home in San Pedro. She attended San Pedro High and went on to earn her degree and teaching credential from Long Beach State. Her first teaching job was at Fries Ave. Elementary School in Wilmington, where she remained until her retirement after 37 years. Mom had a great love of nurturing young children and was instrumental in developing the Early Education Program for pre-K students. She treasured seeing children and grandchildren of former students come through her classrooms.

Dinka was predeceased by her loving husband, Daniel M. Jeldum; Parents Joe and Ivana Travica; and sister Branka (Srecko) Knez. Left to miss her radiant smile and infectious energy are her children Daniel J. (Lori) Jeldum and Danene Wolff; Grandchildren Taylor (David) Kalb; Matt Jeldum; Rachel (Keaton) Ladd; Patrick, Peter and Nick Wolff. Great-grandchildren Parker, Rhys and Bennett; and dear friend Pat Mellier, with whom she found love and happiness in her final years.

Private services will be held at Green Hills.



Frederick William Klink

November 25, 1941 - May 6, 2025

Rancho Palos Verdes

Fred Klink passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family. He was born in Denver, Colorado, to Ralph and Mary Klink and was raised on a ranch outside Laramie, Wyoming, alongside his siblings, Jim, Anne, and John.

In 1952, the Klink family moved to Montecito, California. Fred attended Mt. Carmel School and Santa Barbara Catholic High School before earning an Economics degree from Loyola University and a law degree from Santa Clara University.

Fred had a long and distinguished career as a prosecuting attorney with the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, where he became an early advocate for using DNA evidence and twice argued before the California Supreme Court.

He married Diana Doerr in 1974 at the Mission San Diego, and they settled in Rancho Palos Verdes, raising two children, Dan and Michaela. Fred loved road trips, especially to National Parks, and enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren play sports.

Fred was devoted to both his family and his work, yet he made time for his many hobbies. He enjoyed working out at the gym, riding his Harley, muzzleloader rifle shooting, archery, fishing, hunting and sailing. He made many great friends pursuing these interests. Fred was a loyal and generous friend who was a good time to be around.

A lifelong learner, he had a particular love for studying philosophy, mathematics, geology, and physics. He had a remarkable ability to process, retain, and recite the subjects that he learned. He only spoke when he had something to say, and it was worth listening.

Fred is survived by his wife Diana; children Dan (Courtney) and Michaela (Mike); grandchildren Patrick, Cady, Stella, and Nate; siblings Anne and John; and many nieces and nephews. He will be fondly remembered by his family and his many devoted friends.

There will be a Celebration of Life held June 30, 2025, at 2 pm at the Ladera Linda Community Center located at 32201 Forrestal Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Torrance Memorial Medical Center.

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Judge denies Newsom's bid for quick halt to troop deployment

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California National Guard troops stand watch Tuesday at the Wilshire Federal Building in West L.A. Gov. Gavin Newsom is seeking a court order to stop the Trump administration's troop mobilization amid protests against immigration enforcement. HANS GUTKNECHT — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Court will hear case against Trump move on Thursday

By Kaitlyn Schallhorn
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A California judge Tuesday refused to grant Gov. Gavin Newsom's request for a temporary restraining order to block the Trump administration's deployment of federalized state National Guard troops and Marines to Southern California.



Instead, U.S. District Judge Charles R. Breyer, who was appointed by former President Bill Clinton, set a hearing for Thursday.

Newsom is asking the court to stop the Trump administration's mobilization of troops amid large demonstrations that have broken out over the past few days to protest federal immigration enforcement operations in the area.

The Trump administration on Sunday federalized California's National Guard, mobilizing more than 4,000 troops to Los Angeles to respond to the protests over immigration enforcement efforts. The president also ordered some 700

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Bass orders curfew in downtown area

By Nathaniel Percy, Sean Emery and Hanna Kang
STAFF WRITERS

Saying the city had reached a "tipping point" following days of unrest and increasing vandalism in the wake of protests over immigration raids, Mayor Karen Bass ordered a curfew Tuesday for a small part of Los Angeles most affected by the violence.

The downtown curfew was set to be in effect from 8 p.m. Tuesday to 6 a.m. today, with violators subject to arrest and prosecution,

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Federal law enforcement and National Guard members stand ready during a protest outside the federal Metropolitan Detention Center in Los Angeles on Tuesday. HANS GUTKNECHT — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SOUTHLAND
ICE agents in home?

Amid rising immigration enforcement, here are rights that protect families. A7

NORTH CAROLINA
Trump decries protests

President Donald Trump called protesters in L.A. "animals" on Tuesday in North Carolina. A6

PUBLIC HEALTH

County program aims to step up measles vaccines

By Steve Scauzillo
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In an effort to prevent the spread of measles locally, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted on Tuesday to launch a program that includes stepping up vaccinations and adding more education programs since nearly 100% of

the cases arise from people who are not vaccinated.

The United States is experiencing the worst measles outbreak in recent years, the supervisors reported. As of May 16, 1,024 measles cases have been confirmed in 31 jurisdictions, including California. There have

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Hegseth grilled on troops in L.A.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth was met with questions, criticism Tuesday by lawmakers. A6

LONG BEACH

Verdict against LAUSD in boy's death reversed

City News Service

A state appellate court reversed a jury verdict Monday against the Los Angeles Unified School District in a lawsuit in which the mother of a 6-year-old Long Beach boy who was fatally beaten the day after Christmas 2019 won \$30 million in emotional distress damages.

Plaintiff Kenya Taylor, the 42-year-old mother of Dayvon Taylor, maintained the school district negligently hired, retained and supervised her son's accused killer, Tyler D'Shaun Martin Brand, for an after-school program. In an August 2023 verdict, jurors

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Editorial

State Senate tries to save the bullet train

The Trump administration has notified the California High Speed Rail Authority of a "proposed determination to terminate" two federal grant agreements totaling approximately \$4 billion, money that was awarded by previous administrations to fund the bullet train.

"This commitment was made in reliance on assurances from CHSRA that the CHSR Project could be delivered," Federal Railroad Administration Acting Administrator Drew Feeley wrote in a June 4 letter to rail authority CEO Ian Choudri. "These assurances proved illusory."

Did they ever.

"FRA is not alone in realizing CHSRA is unable to deliver the Project," Feeley wrote, citing the rail authority's own inspector general's report in February, which identified a \$7 billion gap in the funding necessary to complete the Central Valley Segment. The gap has since grown to more than \$10 billion.

FRA's review of the project's compliance with the terms of the grant agreements identified patterns of "broken promises," "unattainable proposals" and "unrealistic assumptions" regarding deadlines, ridership projections and budget deficiencies.

The original 2008 ballot measure that launched the project provided for nearly \$10 billion in state bonds. Voters were assured that the project would attract private investors, which never happened. The measure also stated that the high-speed rail project could not be built with a tax increase and could not be operated with a public subsidy.

Now California lawmakers face a stark choice: end the project, or find a loophole to raise taxes to pay for it. Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders have ruled out the first and are trying the second.

Currently the bullet train is funded with 25% of the revenue from the tax-equiva-

lent cap-and-trade program, a regulatory invention run by the California Air Resources Board. Oil refineries, utilities and manufacturers must buy permits to emit greenhouse gases (in other words, to operate). The cost is passed through to consumers as higher prices for gasoline, electricity and goods that are made or transported in the state.

So far, state courts have held that the permit requirement is not a tax, but it's close enough that legislative leaders have decided that renewing the program, which expires in 2030, will require a two-thirds vote like any other tax increase. Newsom has announced that he would like the bullet train to receive \$1 billion per year from the program. The legislature may have other plans for the money.

But canceling the bullet train and allowing the costly cap-and-trade program to expire would significantly reduce the cost of living in California by cutting the price of energy and everything that uses energy. That's not on the table in Sacramento. Instead, the Senate just passed Senate Bill 545, which would require a \$700,000 study on how local taxes could be raised to pay for the high-speed rail project.

The study would "assess funding potential across a variety of funding mechanisms that can support the high-speed rail capital program or discrete system elements." These so-called "funding mechanisms" could include fees charged to developers in exchange for density bonuses and permitting "efficiencies." The study would also "identify available air rights around stations" for "value capture opportunities."

These are taxes by another name. No. Just no.

There's no credible path to completing even part of this project. The Assembly should kill SB 545 and the governor should kill the bullet train.

The Trump administration is not just trying to limit illegal immigration, but is aggressively trying to clamp down on asylum seekers and legal immigration. There are exceptions, such as its welcoming of White South African farmers and refugees, but it's a consistent

Karen Bass puts career on line for illegal immigration



Susan Shelley
COLUMNIST

The answer to the violence and vandalism going on in Los Angeles, Mayor Karen Bass insisted during a news conference on Tuesday morning, "is for the federal government to stop the raids."

It's my sincere wish for all humans on earth to have someone in their lives who loves them as much as Mayor Karen Bass loves illegal immigration.

"I want to tell him to stop the raids," she said in answer to a question about what she would say to President Donald Trump if she spoke with him on the phone. "I want to tell him that we are a city of immigrants."

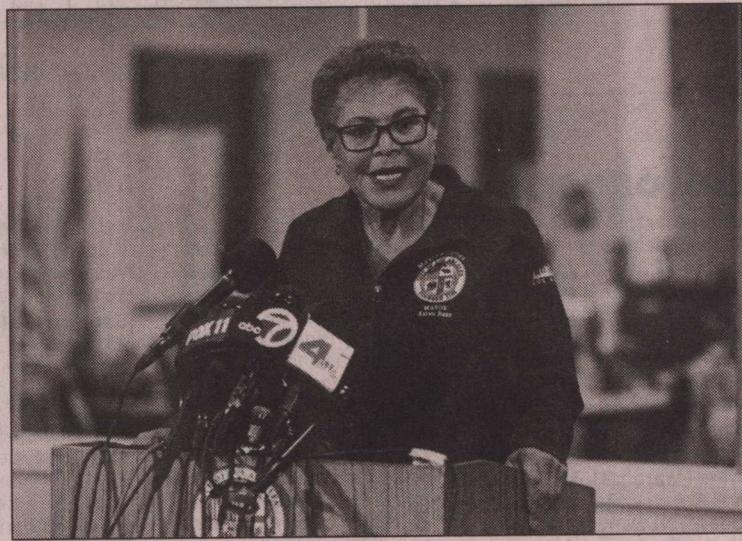
Los Angeles is also a city in the United States, where the federal government can enforce federal law, and not just immigration law. "Border czar" Tom Homan told MSNBC on Monday that three criminal warrants were served on a business in the downtown fashion district as the result of a multi-agency investigation into suspected money laundering, tax evasion and customs fraud. "The Fashion District wasn't an immigration raid," Homan said.

But immigrants' rights organizations have formed a "Rapid Response Network" that spreads the word of any sighting of any federal officers. Bass said she learns of "raids" from this network.

Did you hear about the car wash "raids" this week? Local government officials raced to the microphones to fear-monger that ICE was going to car washes to tear families apart.

But last month in New Orleans, the district attorney announced the seizure of a car wash following a months-long investigation by Homeland Security Investigations, the New Orleans Police Department Special Operations Division and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The car wash, the D.A. said, was a front for "criminal activities" such as alleged drug activity and trafficking.

But California Democratic



Mayor Karen Bass speaks during a press conference at the Los Angeles Emergency Operations Center in Los Angeles on Monday.

DREW A. KELLEY — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

politicians are filtering every federal law enforcement activity through their "stop the raids" lens. The story they want to tell is that President Trump is needlessly disturbing the idyllic conditions in California's perfectly calm cities because he is, in Gov. Gavin Newsom's words, "reckless" and "immoral."

On Monday, Newsom and Attorney General Rob Bonta filed a press release disguised as a lawsuit asserting that the president has taken the supposedly illegal and unconstitutional action of federalizing the National Guard without the governor's permission. The president doesn't need the governor's permission.

It's no secret that Trump has gained significant political support from Latino voters, something that Democrats would like to reverse with their attacks on the president.

But what is a secret is the funding of the actions on the streets. On June 6, Mayor Bass said in a statement, "My Office is in close coordination with immigrant rights community organizations. We will not stand for this."

Who funds these organizations that "will not stand" for the enforcement of federal law?

Mayor Bass has filed legally required reports of behested payments — donations made because she specifically requested them — that show dark money changing hands. For example, more than 70 separate contributions were made in January totaling \$798,864 from the Pledging

Foundation, a donor-advised fund masking the name of the donor, to California Community Foundation, which states on its website that immigration is one of its areas of focus. The site states in a section labeled Our Strategic Priority Projects, "CCF supported the establishment of the Immigrants Are LA Coalition, which, in 2021, successfully secured over \$160M from the American Rescue Plan to aid immigrant programs."

On March 31, Bass "behested" a \$425,000 donation from California Community Foundation to Community Partners, which provides "fiscal sponsorships" to nonprofits working for "equitable, just and vibrant communities." Its website features a photo of protesters holding signs that read, "Immigration is an LGBT Issue."

In 2021, the California Fair Political Practices Commission issued a new regulation requiring public officials reporting behested payments to disclose the original donor of contributions made by a donor-advised fund, but that doesn't seem to be happening.

What's happening is that people are secretly making tax-deductible contributions at the request of the mayor to fund community organizations that promote the interests of illegal immigrants.

If the IRS Criminal Division ever takes an interest in the L.A. riots, they might follow the money to some surprising doorsteps.

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Letters

L.A. protests

How soon they forget. Karoline Leavitt posted on X, "The Trump Administration has a zero tolerance policy for criminal behavior and violence, especially when that violence is aimed at law enforcement officers trying to do their jobs." Who among us does not recall the graphic and violent images of Trump supporters viciously attacking law enforcement officers who were trying to stop them from storming the Capitol building in a brazen attempt to halt the certification of the 2020 election that Trump lost? The Trump administration not only tolerated this violent and criminal behavior, it condoned

ICE protests in L.A.

If these protesters are against the ICE raids and continue to say that illegal immigrants should be considered "part of the community," why are they displaying Mexican flags? This is the U.S., not Mexico. Do you really think this helps your cause or maybe promotes more animosity against your cause? If you want to be considered part of the community, maybe you should be carrying around the American flag. And what would make the protesters think that chaos, violence, property destruction, attacking law enforcement, etc., is going to help their cause? It is, in fact, doing just the opposite. They are ignoring the fact that most people are not

tion and the subsequent negative impact it has on society and the economy.

— Scott Irwin, Fullerton

Coverage of L.A. riots

Your coverage of the L.A. riots caught my attention because of the photos. I couldn't help but notice some were missing. I didn't see the rock-throwing, fire-starting, freeway-blocking, graffiti-painting protesters. They were loud and clear on TV. This was not a peaceful protest. The protesters were quite violent at times. If you are going to cover these kinds of happenings please show both sides. Not everyone actually reads the articles. I realize you may have not had your own photographers

Editorial

Trump's latest travel ban lacks real justification

The Trump administration is not just trying to limit illegal immigration, but is aggressively trying to clamp down on asylum seekers and legal immigration. There are exceptions, such as its welcoming of White South African farmers and refugees, but it's a consistent

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What to do if ICE agents show up at your home

Amid rising immigration enforcement, here are rights that protect families

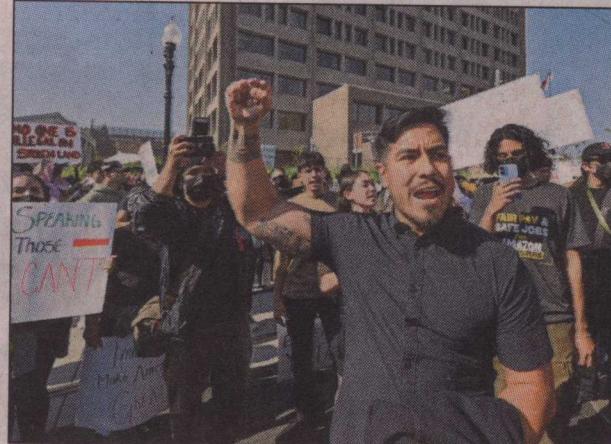
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Immigration enforcement activities across Los Angeles and Orange County in recent days have sparked protests and heightened fear among some immigrant families. This quick guide, based on information gathered from legal and advocacy groups, outlines their rights, what ICE can and can't do, and what residents can do if agents come to their door.

AGENTS IN HOME?

You do not have to open the doors unless agents present a judicial warrant that includes your full name and address and is signed by a judge or a magistrate.

An ICE Administrative



Santa Ana Councilman Johnathan Ryan Hernandez tells the crowd, "These streets belong to us" as he gathers with protesters at the Federal Building in Santa Ana on Monday. **JEFF GRITCHEN — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Warrant (often labeled Form I-200 or I-205) is signed by an ICE officer, not a judge, and does not give agents the authority to enter your car or vehicle. "Oftentimes ICE only carries administrative warrants, and these warrants are not reviewed by a judge, or not signed by a judge, and the standard for executing administrative warrant is much lower than a judicial warrant," Stephanie Padilla,

staff attorney at the ACLU Foundation of Southern California, said Tuesday.

According to ACLU, you can ask the officer to slide the warrant under the door or hold it against the window so you can review it without opening the door.

If the warrant is valid, you have the right to remain silent, according to the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern Calif-

ornia. ACLU suggests that if you choose to speak, step outside and close the door.

What are your rights if ICE comes to your home?

Citizens and noncitizens are protected by the U.S. Constitution.

- You have the right to remain silent.
- You do not have to open the door without a judicial warrant.
- You have the right to speak to an attorney before answering questions or signing anything.
- You have the right to refuse to sign documents without legal counsel.
- If ICE agents forcibly enter your home, do not resist physically, remain calm and silent, according to the Immigrant Defenders Law Center.

What should you do if ICE wants to talk to you?

- Stay calm. Do not run or

interfere with officers.

- You can say: "I do not wish to speak to you."
- If you're outside your home, you can ask: "Am I being detained?" If the answer is no, then ask: "Am I free to leave?"
- Do not lie or present false documents, as this is considered a crime.

A resource for families: know-your-rights cards:

- To support immigrant families, organizations like Los Angeles Unified School District have distributed red cards — small, wallet-sized, know-your-rights cards that explain what to do during an encounter with immigration enforcement.
- The cards, created by the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC), are available in multiple languages and can be used by both citizens and noncitizens.

How can families prepare?

- Create a family preparedness plan

- (childcare, emergency contacts, etc.)
- Keep important documents (IDs, passports, medical info) in a safe, accessible place.
- Let neighbors or trusted friends know how to help in case someone is detained.
- Share know-your-rights materials with everyone in the household.

Where can you get help or legal assistance in Los Angeles?

- **ACLU Southern California:** contact local response networks in California: www.aclusocal.org/en/california-rapid-response-networks/social
- **CHIRLA:** (888) 624-4752
- **Immigrant Defenders Law Center (ImmDef):** (213) 833-8283
- **LAUSD:** call 1800-882-1341 for employee assistance service for education employees, open 24 hours

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

L.A. County supervisors pushing back against federal immigration raids

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The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are taking steps to push back against recent federal immigration raids in L.A. County, including exploring ways to keep federal authorities from using county properties and to help those residents detained in sweeping raids.

In an urgency motion authored by Supervisor Hilda Solis on Tuesday, the county will provide support and information about civil rights to about 45 individuals detained by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement suspected of immigration law violations arrested during recent raids in Paramount, Compton, Westlake, Cypress Park, South L.A. and Downtown L.A.

These include providing

mental health, workforce development and public benefits to those detained and their families.

The motion, approved by 4-0 vote, with Supervisor Kathryn Barger absent, elaborates that the supervisors are directing its County Counsel to prevent county properties with public access to be used by federal immigration enforcement activities and "preventing commandeering their use."

Another section directs the County Counsel to join as an amicus or friend of the court brief in the state of California's case, Gov. Gavin Newsom vs. President Donald J. Trump, et al., which claims Trump's ordering of California National Guard to the streets of L.A. to combat violent protesters was an illegal act.

Supervisor Lindsey Horvath said the National Guard troops have no authority to enforce the law. That is the responsibility of local law enforcement. Neither the LAPD nor the L.A. County Sheriff's Department asked for federal help.

And the National Guard, and also the ordering of 700 active Marines to be at the ready by President Trump, only made the situation worse, said the supervisors, by drawing out more protesters and anarchist agitators who threw rocks at police officers and set a few self-driving cars on fire.

"I've watched in disbelief and horror as this president has chosen to attack our most vulnerable neighborhoods," Horvath said.

Regarding raids this past weekend at the Home Depot parking lot in the city of Para-

mount, Hahn said a councilmember was shot in the leg with a rubber bullet and other city and state leaders were hit by tear gas fired from soldiers of the National Guard.

"Running through Home Depot parking lots with guns drawn, chasing people who were there just to earn a living," Hahn described ICE officers. "This huge overreach on these raids was only the first troubling incident. Then, he called into our towns the California National Guard. I feel like we've been invaded by our own government."

Supervisor Holly Mitchell said she was angry at the raids carried out with armed personnel in camouflage in areas where Latino and Black residents live and work, some of whom are undocumented. "I have anger, and horror at the racist and cruel escalation by the federal administra-

tion this past weekend. The fear has rippled across every corner of the county."

Dozens of speakers said many Latino residents are terrified, afraid to venture outdoors, go to the market, or to work. Many have not attended promotion and/or graduation ceremonies for fear of being arrested. Some schools have made accommodations for them to watch remotely.

Solis said many parents called her office to say many students are not attending promotion or graduation ceremonies. Instead, a livestreamed telecast will be made available, reminiscent of when crowds were not permitted during the height of the Covid pandemic five years ago, she said.

Raymond Andry, superintendent of Mountain View School District in El Monte,

told the board that some families called his office to inform the school that they will not be attending their children's promotion ceremonies.

Jose Miguel Ruiz, with the county's Commission for Children and Families, said three families were arrested from the Ambiance Apparel were immigrants that were detained, he said during the meeting. "There is no due process. No protocol," he said.

Horvath said the community, including the supervisors themselves, will speak out peacefully. "We will continue to peacefully dissent when power is abused. It is clear there are better ways to keep our communities safe. That starts with care, compassion and protection of our most vulnerable," she said.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

State's political parties at odds over response to upheaval following immigration raids

Democrats decry lack of access to detention centers; Republicans blast violence, mayhem on streets of L.A.

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As protests over federal immigration sweeps entered a fifth day in Southern California, Democrats and Republicans representing California in Congress have responded in different ways.

Democrats are demanding answers as to why they've been denied entry into federal detention centers, despite the law granting them access.

GOP House members, on the other hand, have condemned the organi-

zations living in. They said they have heard reports of alleged "inhumane" conditions, such as being placed in basement holding cells for up to 24 hours without food, water or sunlight.

As members of Congress, these elected officials are allowed to enter DHS facilities to conduct oversight. They do not need to provide advance notice, according to guidelines on the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement website.

But Rep. Jimmy Gomez of Los Angeles posted on social media that he and fellow Democratic Reps. Luz Rivas of Pacoima, Norma Torres of Pomona and Lou Correa of Santa Ana were denied entrance to a facility in downtown L.A. on Saturday.

Gomez returned to the site on Monday, but was "denied

denial of entry and on what grounds, and for DHS to fully comply with the law at every DHS facility in the country.

A DHS spokesperson did not respond to a request for comment on Tuesday about Gomez's letter and the various accounts by legislators that they were prohibited from entering detention centers this past weekend.

Reps. Judy Chu, D-Pasadena; Gil Cisneros, D-Covina and Derek Tran, D-Orange, said they were met with padlocks when they went to the Adelanto ICE Processing Center in the high desert over the weekend.

Chu, who had returned to Washington, D.C., by early this week, said in an interview Monday that she would try again to enter the facility at a later date.

"It was unlawful for them

"riots" or "insurrections." Democrats have pushed back on such forceful language, though they've acknowledged that there have been acts of looting, vandalism and other disturbances.

On Tuesday, Rep. Young Kim, R-Anaheim Hills, introduced a resolution condemning "riots" in L.A. The resolution was signed by every GOP House member from California, including Reps. Ken Calvert of Corona, Darrell Issa of Bonsall and Jay Obernolte of Hesperia.

The resolution said protests began in response to "lawful federal immigration enforcement actions" and "quickly escalated into violent riots across Los Angeles." It states that some agitators set off fireworks, threw Molotov cocktails at officers and assaulted federal agents

state elected leaders to "work with the federal government to end the violent riots and restore peace."

"Peaceful protests are a constitutional right, but vandalism, looting, violence, and other crimes are not. Protecting public safety shouldn't be controversial, which is why I am leading the California Republican delegation in a resolution to support law and order as we continue to see unrest," Kim, whose district covers parts of Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, said in a statement.

"I hope Governor Newsom can come together with President Trump to stop the riots, lower the temperature, and keep our communities safe," she added.

Also Tuesday, Issa, who represents parts of Riverside and San Diego counties, said the department received a call

emergency requests of our ICE agents who were under attack by rioters determined to block them, burn them, or even kill them as they bravely carried out their sworn duties.

LAPD Chief Jim McDonnell has denied it took his department two hours to respond.

"When we heard that, I think anybody who's a police officer couldn't believe it, and certainly anyone with LAPD couldn't imagine how that would happen. Well, it didn't happen," he said during a Sunday press conference.

McDonnell said LAPD was not given advance notice that a federal operation would occur in that area of the city so its officers weren't pre-positioned there. Once the department received a call

WASHINGTON

Congress grills Hegseth over deployed troops

Wire reports

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth was met with sharp questions and criticism Tuesday by lawmakers who demanded details on his move to deploy troops to Los Angeles, and they expressed bipartisan frustration that Congress has not yet gotten a full defense budget from the Trump administration.

"Your tenure as secretary has been marked by endless chaos," Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., told Hegseth. Others, including Republican leaders, warned that massive spending projects such as President Donald Trump's desire for a \$175 billion Golden Dome missile defense system will get broad congressional scrutiny.

The troop deployment triggered several fiery exchanges that at times devolved into shouting matches as House committee members and Hegseth yelled over one another.

After persistent questioning about the cost of sending National Guard members and Marines to Los Angeles in response to protests over immigration raids, Hegseth turned to his acting comptroller, Bryn Woollacott

MacDonnell, who said it would cost \$134 million. Hegseth defended Trump's decision to send the troops, saying they are needed to protect federal agents as they do their jobs.

And he suggested that the use of troops inside the United States will continue to expand.

"I think we're entering another phase, especially under President Trump with his focus on the homeland, where the National Guard and Reserves become a critical component of how we secure that homeland," he said.

The hearing before the House Appropriations defense subcommittee was the first time lawmakers have been able to challenge Trump's defense chief since he was confirmed. It is the first of three congressional hearings he will face this week.

Lawmakers complained widely that Congress hasn't yet gotten details of the administration's first proposed defense budget, which Trump has said would



Hegseth

total \$1 trillion, a significant increase over the current spending level of more than \$800 billion. And they said they are unhappy with the administration's efforts to go around Congress to push through changes.

Spending issues that have raised questions in recent weeks include plans to spend hundreds of millions of dollars on security upgrades to turn a Qatari jet into Air Force One and to pour as much as \$45 million into a parade recently added to the Army's 250th birthday bash, which coincides with Trump's birthday Saturday.

Rep. Betty McCollum, D-Minn., quizzed Hegseth on the deployment of about 700 Marines to assist over 4,100 National Guard troops in protecting federal buildings and personnel in L.A.

She got into a testy back-and-forth with him over the costs of the operation. He evaded the questions but later turned to MacDonnell, who provided the estimate and said it covers the costs of travel, housing and food.

Hegseth said the 60-day deployment of troops is needed "because we want to ensure that those rioters, looters and thugs on the other side assaulting our police officers know that

we're not going anywhere."

Under the Posse Comitatus Act, troops are prohibited from policing U.S. citizens on American soil. Invoking the Insurrection Act, which allows troops to do that, is incredibly rare, but Trump has left open the possibility.

"If there's an insurrection, I would certainly invoke it. We'll see," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office on Tuesday.

Asked how he would determine whether the unrest amounted to an insurrection, Trump offered little clarity. "I mean, I could tell you there were certain areas of that, of Los Angeles last night, that you could have called it an insurrection."

The commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Eric Smith, told lawmakers at a separate budget hearing Tuesday that the Marines in Los Angeles have not yet been called on to respond. When asked by Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., about the danger Marines would use lethal force that could result in injuries and deaths, Smith said he is not concerned. "I have great faith in my Marines and their junior leaders and their more senior leaders to execute the lawful tasks that they are given."

"This administration takes a very different view of that conflict," he said. "We believe that a negotiated peaceful settlement is in the best interest of both parties and our nation's interests."

Committee members pressed Hegseth on Ukraine's surprise drone attack in early June that destroyed a large number of Russian bomber aircraft. And they questioned the administration's future funding for Kyiv.

Hegseth said the strikes caught the U.S. off guard and represented significant advances in drone warfare. The attack has the Pentagon rethinking drone defenses "so we are not vulnerable to a threat and an attack like that," he said, adding that the department is learning from Ukraine and is focused on how to better defend its own military airfields.

He acknowledged, however, that funding for Ukraine military assistance, which has been robust for the past two years, will be reduced in the upcoming defense budget. That cut means that Kyiv will receive fewer of the weapons systems that have been key to countering Russia's onslaught.

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The U.S. to date has

provided Ukraine more than \$66 billion since Russia invaded in February 2022.

The panel zeroed in on funding issues, with only a few mentions of the other entanglements of Hegseth's early months. They touched only briefly on his moves to fire military leaders and purge diversity programs. And there was no discussion of his use of the Signal messaging app to discuss operational details of strikes in Yemen.

Hegseth has spent vast amounts of time promoting the social changes he's making at the Pentagon. He's been far less visible in the administration's more critical international security crises and negotiations involving Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and Iran.

He was on the international stage about a week ago, addressing a national security conference in Asia about threats from China. But a trip to NATO headquarters last week was quick and quiet, and he deliberately skipped a gathering of about 50 allies and partners where they discussed support for Ukraine.

The Associated Press and The New York Times contributed to this report.

NORTH CAROLINA

Trump says he will 'liberate' L.A. during speech at Fort Bragg event

By Chris Megerian and Michelle L. Price
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — President Donald Trump called protesters in Los Angeles "animals" and "a foreign enemy" in a speech at Fort Bragg on Tuesday as he defended deploying the military on demonstrators opposed to his immigration enforcement raids.

Trump, in his most aggressive language yet regarding the protests, used a speech ostensibly supposed to be used to recognize the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army to denounce the protesters while repeating his false statements about the 2020 election being rigged and attacking the previous commander-in-chief, former President Joe Biden.

The Republican president, who sees the military as a critical tool for domestic goals, has used the recent protests in Los Angeles as an opportunity to deploy the National Guard and U.S. Marines over the objections of California's Democratic governor to quell disturbances that began as protests over immigration raids. Protesters blocked a major freeway and set cars on fire over the weekend in Los Angeles, but the demonstrations in the city of 4 million people have largely been centered in several blocks of downtown.

"We will not allow an American city to be invaded and conquered by a foreign enemy. That's what they are," Trump said Tuesday.

Trump's heated rhetoric came as he's left open the possibility of invoking the Insurrection Act, one of the most extreme emergency powers available to the president. It authorizes him to deploy military forces inside



President Donald Trump speaks at Fort Bragg in North Carolina on Tuesday. Trump called Los Angeles "a trash heap" and said the federal government would "use every asset at our disposal to quell the violence and restore law and order." ALEX BRANDON — AP

his dancing to his campaign anthem of "YMCA." However, some in the audience were uneasy with parts of his remarks.

Robin Boothe, 50, works on the base as an audiology assistant. She voted for the president and said his speech was "classic Trump." However, she also found it to be too partisan, especially his comments on Los Angeles.

"I thought that was better left for a press conference than what we were celebrating today," she said.

The president also called Los Angeles "a trash heap" with "entire neighborhoods under control" of criminals and said the federal government would "use every asset at our disposal to quell the violence and restore law and order."

"We will liberate Los Angeles and make it free, clean, and safe again," Trump added.

Trump has authorized the deployment of 4,000 National Guard soldiers to the city over the objections of

the state attorney general arguing that the president had "trampled" the state's sovereignty. California leaders accused Trump of fanning protesters' anger, leading crowds to block off a major freeway and set self-driving cars on fire.

Trump also announced his administration was restoring the names of seven military bases that were given the monikers of Confederate leaders until being changed by the Biden administration. Fort Pickett, Fort Robert E. Lee and Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia, Fort Hood in Texas, Fort Gordon in Georgia, Fort Rucker in Alabama, and Fort Polk in Louisiana will have their names changed back, Trump said.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth already brought back the names of Fort Bragg and Fort Benning in Georgia.

"Can you believe they changed that name in the last administration for a little bit?" Trump said. "We'll forget all about that."

capital for a massive military parade this weekend.

Trump has promoted the Army's anniversary as a reason to hold the parade on Saturday, which is also his 79th birthday. Tanks and other vehicles will roll down city streets in a reminder of how the Republican president is reshaping the armed forces after returning to the White House this year.

"I think it's going to be great," Trump told reporters at the White House earlier Tuesday. "We're going to celebrate our country for a change."

Fort Bragg, which is located near Fayetteville, North Carolina, serves as headquarters for U.S. Army Special Operations Command. Highly trained units like the Green Berets and the 82nd Airborne are based there.

The atmosphere resembled a state fair with military flair. Inflatable slides and attractions for children were set up in a field, with arti-

IMMIGRATION

Business, civic leaders condemn military response to L.A. protests

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A group of business, civic, government and nonprofit leaders have issued a statement "strongly" condemning the recent ICE raids in Los Angeles County and the White House's response to protests against the immigration enforcement.

The statement criticized what it called "the unnecessary and irresponsible action of the president of the United States in illegally deploying the National Guard and active-duty U.S. Marines" to respond to local protests.

"This is a clear violation of the law and of long-standing norms against the use of our military as a domestic police force," the statement, issued on Monday, said, "which threatens to politicize our military and inflame what is already a tense and difficult situation. This is a serious breach of legal tradition and the public trust."

"The issue here goes beyond Los Angeles or California," the statement added. "If the president of the United States can, without notice to the governor or

without the constitutionally required request of the governor, send the military into our city, he can do so in any city in America at any time and for any reason he may conjure."

The statement made clear that the business leaders were speaking for themselves as individuals and not their affiliations. The statement was signed

■ Elise Buik, president of United Way of Greater L.A.
■ Connie Chung Joe, CEO of Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Southern California.

■ Geoffrey Cowan, university professor at the USC Annenberg Center on Communication Leadership & Policy.

■ Wendy Greuel, former Los Angeles city controller.

■ George D. Kieffer, co-founder of Civic Alliance and past chair of the L.A. Chamber of Commerce.

■ Stewart Kwoh, co-founder and co-executive director of The Asian American Education Project.

■ Ambassador (ret.) Michael Lawson, former president and CEO of the Los Angeles Urban League.

■ Andy Lipkis, founder of the TreePeople.

■ Monica Lozano, former publisher and CEO of La Opinion.

■ Cindy Miskowski, CEO of The Ring Group.

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■ Peter Taylor, former president of ECMC Foundation.

■ Helen Iris Torres.

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Protesters face off with Los Angeles police near the Metropolitan Detention Center in Los Angeles on Tuesday. DAVID CRANE — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Members of the California National Guard proceed in a convoy of military vehicles in downtown Los Angeles on Tuesday. DREW A. KELLEY — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Passersby look at damage to the Apple store at the corner of Broadway and Eighth Street in downtown Los Angeles on Tuesday. The store was looted during unrest Monday night. DAVID CRANE — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PROTESTS

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Bass said. She added that the curfew will be reevaluated today but that she expects it to continue for several days.

A curfew had been under consideration in recent days, Bass said during a Tuesday evening news conference, but after violence, looting and extensive vandalism that affected nearly two dozen businesses Monday night, "we reached a tipping point and declared a state of emergency and called for the curfew."

The move comes as police and other law enforcement ramped up their efforts on the ground and as protesters continued to condemn recent sweeps by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the federal deployment of the California National Guard and U.S. Marines.

Los Angeles Police Chief Jim McDonnell said 197 arrests were made Tuesday, more than any day since the unrest began Friday. He said more officers would be added to the streets today.

The area affected by the curfew order is a loop from between the 5 Freeway and 110 Freeway, north of the 10 Freeway, to where the 5 and 110 merge. It encompasses about 1 square mile, Bass said, in a city of 502 square miles.

Residents of the area, people traveling to and from work, public safety employees and credentialed media are exempted, Bass said.

Overnight protests Monday again devolved into clashes with law enforcement and looting of downtown stores, though local officials condemned the presence of National Guard and Marine forces as over the top and politically motivated.

Protests also arose elsewhere around Southern California, with protesters also clashing with law officers in Santa Ana on Monday. Smaller, peaceful demonstra-

block Marines and National Guard troops from what he called "the illegal deployment of Marines and National Guard in Los Angeles."

A California judge denied Newsom's request for a temporary restraining order and instead set a hearing for Thursday.

Federal officials told members of Congress on Tuesday that it would cost \$134 million to send the troops to L.A. and defended Trump's decision to send them, saying they are needed to protect federal agents as they do their jobs.

Monday's demonstrations featured more vandalism, violence and arrests, with some protesters throwing fireworks and other objects at law enforcement, and authorities responding with tear gas and other less-lethal munitions. Some demonstrators remained on the streets into the early hours Tuesday.

A window was smashed at an Apple Store downtown during the unrest, with some items stolen and graffiti painted on the shop's windows. An Adidas store was also hit by looters, along with a jewelry store, a pair of pharmacies, a shoe store and a marijuana dispensary. The affected stores were generally in an area on or near Broadway, near roughly Seventh and Eighth streets.

Los Angeles Police Department Officer Charles Miller told City News Service one woman was arrested at the scene of the Apple Store burglary. At least two other people were seen being taken into custody by police for looting.

In all, LAPD said Tuesday that 14 arrests were made for looting, 96 for failure to disperse in the downtown area and one each for assault with a deadly weapon, resisting arrest and vandalism.

Two officers were hospitalized for medical treatment and released, LAPD said in a statement.

"During the crowd control

year before the World Cup is set to take place in L.A.

She said that Los Angeles was peaceful on Thursday and there was nothing to warrant the federal intervention that began Friday.

"When the administration started, they said that this was about crime, they were going to go after violent felons, drug dealers," Bass said. "I don't know how that matches with the scenes that we saw of people in Home Depot running through the parking lot because they were afraid they were going to get arrested."

The mayor said there might be one rally Tuesday, but didn't believe there would be a series of them. An interfaith prayer vigil, which Bass said she would attend, was scheduled for 6 p.m. to call for "peace and unifying our community and supporting immigrant Angelenos."

In a round of broadcast media interviews Tuesday morning, Bass said police will take advantage of video footage to track down people who take part in looting and ensure they are "prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

Monday was the fourth consecutive day of unrest stemming from protests over immigration enforcement raids that began Friday and have continued across the area.

Bass on Monday evening called for an end to the raids to bring an end to the nightly protests.

The mayor also called on federal officials to halt the immigration raids, blaming the White House for fueling unrest. "We need to stop the raids. They should not be happening in our city. It is not warranted, and the only thing it does is contribute to chaos. This was chaos that was started in Washington, D.C.," she said. "And again, I don't think our city should be a test case, a laboratory."

Law enforcement remained on high alert. The LAPD once again issued a

are currently in custody at ICE detention facilities in Santa Ana, from what he saw during two visits to the centers in recent days.

"I didn't get the background on each individual who was apprehended, but I saw a couple of individuals that looked like they got pulled off a job painting somewhere," he said during a press conference on Tuesday denouncing the slew of immigration raids that prompted protests in the community. "Why do you pick up working individuals? They're not serious, violent criminals to the best of my knowledge."

He called the raids "counterproductive" and warned they were causing fear and instability in communities he represents.

National Guard units blocked off roadways in portions of the Orange County Civic Center on Tuesday morning, a day after clashes between protesters and law enforcement in downtown Santa Ana.

Military-style vehicles and National Guards troops blocked a portion of 4th Street in front of the Ronald Reagan Federal Building and Courthouse and a part of Santa Ana Boulevard in front of a federal building a couple blocks away.

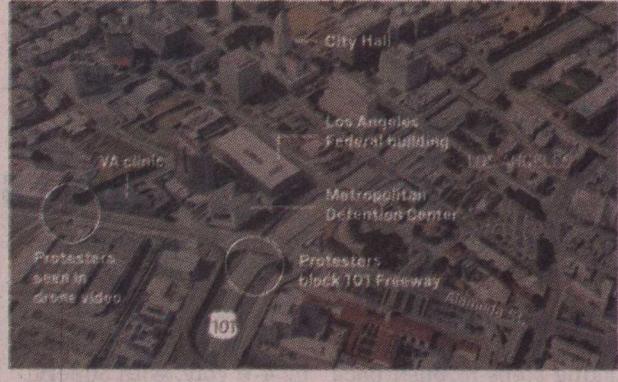
Workers were removing graffiti — most of which condemned ICE in explicit language — from government and private buildings. Some early-morning downtown visitors stopped to take photos of the military vehicles and National Guard soldiers in the normally quiet downtown area.

On Monday, reports of federal immigration authorities apparently targeting day laborers waiting for work outside local Home Depot locations sparked protests in Santa Ana. Crowds grew and eventually faced off with police.

Federal officials made the unprecedented move to deploy 700 Marines from

Five days of protests

Clashes in the Los Angeles area between federal agents and people protesting immigration raids resulted in dozens of arrests from various law enforcement agencies on suspicion of attempted murder, looting, arson, failure to disperse, assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer and other offenses. Here's a look at how the events unfolded:



FRIDAY

Morning: Department of Homeland Security agents detained several people outside a Home Depot just west of downtown Los Angeles. A little later, another raid took place at an Ambiance Apparel clothing store in L.A.'s Fashion District. During that operation, people gathered around to photograph and video the officers. A few protesters also arrived. At least 44 people were arrested.

Afternoon: Hundreds of protesters gathered outside the Los Angeles Federal Building, calling for an end to immigration raids in the city.

3 p.m.: Dozens gathered in the Fashion District after Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents appeared at an apparel manufacturer there.

6:30 p.m.: More than 100 people gathered at the immigration services building and detention center in downtown Los Angeles to protest the raids. DHS officers fired pepper balls at the protesters before the Los Angeles Police Department dispersed the crowd.

SATURDAY

9 a.m.: Border Patrol agents gathered in a gated industrial office park in Paramount, a Latino suburb south of downtown Los Angeles. Separate clashes broke out between protesters and law enforcement officers in Paramount amid rumors that immigration agents planned to raid a Home Depot in the area. Protesters kicked and threw objects at law enforcement vehicles, while officers deployed tear gas.

Later that day: Tensions escalated and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department ordered protesters to disperse and warned they would face arrest or use of force if they did not. Officers shot tear gas canisters into the crowd as protesters retreated.

4 p.m.: Social media posts showed police and sheriff's deputies declaring the gathering an unlawful assembly and using loudspeakers to tell protesters that anyone who remained would be arrested.

6 p.m.: President Donald Trump signed a memo ordering 2,000 National Guard members to Los Angeles to protect federal officers conducting immigration operations, over the objections of Gov. Gavin Newsom and Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass.

Nightfall: Protesters and the Sheriff's Department continued to clash in Compton, across the Los Angeles River from the Home Depot in Paramount. Officers shot flash-bang grenades and rubber bullets at the protesters, who threw rocks, glass bottles and fireworks at the officers.

Evening: Protesters had gathered outside the Metropolitan Detention Center. The Los Angeles Police Department created a barrier outside the building and declared an unlawful assembly, ordering demonstrators to disperse.

SUNDAY

Early morning: Roughly 20 California National Guard troops arrived at the Metropolitan Detention Center.

10:30 a.m.: Nearly 300 members of the California National Guard took positions at three different sites around the city. More than a dozen DHS officers in riot gear joined the National Guard troops at the detention center. By early afternoon hundreds of protesters had gathered there.

1 p.m.: California National Guard, DHS and Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers formed a line and attempted to clear protesters away from the Metropolitan Detention Center. Officers deployed tear gas, pepper balls and other crowd-control munitions.

Midafternoon: Protesters spilled onto nearby 101 Freeway, blocking traffic in at least one direction before being cleared by the authorities.

6 p.m.: Protesters in the area had mostly dispersed and law enforcement officers returned to their positions near the federal building complex. A few dozen protesters remained nearby, blocking Alameda Street.

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HISTORY

PASADENA

Leaders demand to see detainees after raid

Officials travel to facility in downtown L.A. to see 6 they say are being held by federal immigration agents

By David Wilson, Steve Scauzillo,
Anissa Rivera and Ryan Carter
STAFF WRITERS

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents detained a handful of people near a Pasadena shopping center, including two men at an adjacent bus stop Wednesday morning, according to video, local leaders, witness accounts and immigration advocates.

Inside: Downey offers information on ICE raids on city website. Page A9

Inside: Total number of troops supporting federal missions in Los Angeles remains at 4,800. Page A9

The early morning immigration raid — part of a massive federal operation blanketing Southern California and the nation,

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Trump hints at withholding wildfire assistance after clash with Newsom over use of troops, immigration

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President Donald Trump on Wednesday hinted at the possibility that his latest feud with Gov. Gavin Newsom over mass federal immigration raids — and the use of military troops to protect federal buildings and agents as they carry out those enforcement actions — could affect additional wildfire aid to California.

Asked by a reporter if his latest "dust-ups" with Newsom could affect aid to help California recover from the devastating January wildfires, Trump said, "Yeah, maybe."

"Hatred is never a good thing in politics," Trump went on to say. "When you don't like somebody, you don't respect somebody, it's harder for that person to get money if you're on top."

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LOS ANGELES

DODGERS OWNER TO ACQUIRE LAKERS



Then-Los Angeles Lakers owner Jerry Buss and daughter Jeanie address fans during the unveiling of his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2006. Ownership of the Lakers passed to Jerry Buss' children after he died in 2013, with the family now selling its majority ownership to Dodgers controlling owner Mark Walter. PHOTO BY KEVIN REECE VIA AP

Buss family says it will sell majority stake to Mark Walter in \$10B record-breaking deal

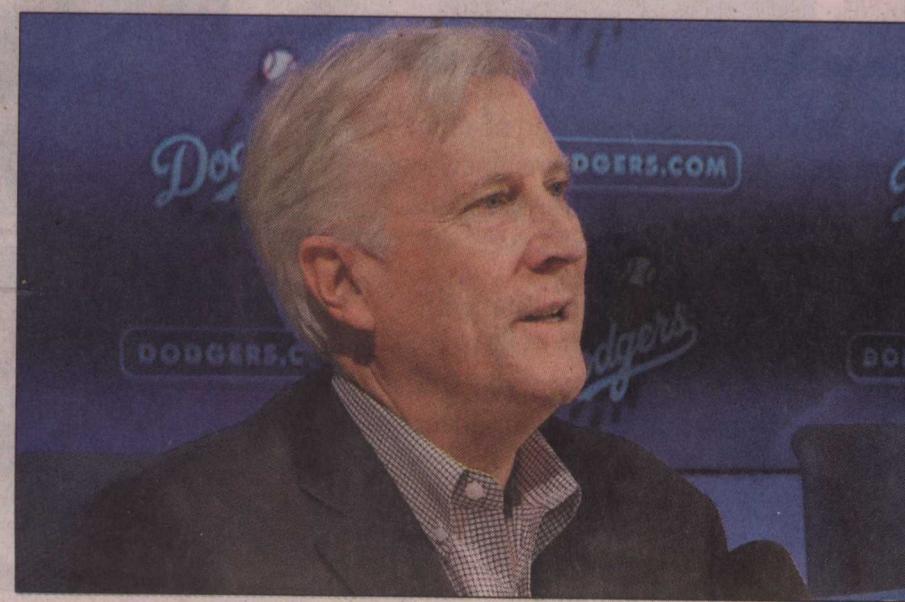
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The Buss family has agreed to sell the majority ownership of the Lakers to Dodgers controlling owner Mark Walter and TWG Global at a valuation of approximately \$10 billion.

It will mark the largest sale of a North American professional sports team.

ESPN first reported the sale on Wednesday afternoon, adding that Jeanie Buss will remain the franchise's governor and that

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Mark Walter, CEO of Guggenheim Partners and controlling owner of the Dodgers, led the \$2 billion purchase of the team in 2012. He is now set to acquire the majority ownership of the Lakers from the Buss family for \$10 billion, with Jeanie Buss remaining the

SOUTHLAND

Juneteenth events put focus on resilience

Despite anti-DEI push by Trump, thousands commemorate holiday

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As thousands of Black community members and allies across Southern California honor Juneteenth, many say this year's celebration has taken on a different tone: one of resilience.

With the Trump administration's efforts to cut diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives across government and in higher education, and the removal

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Inside: Juneteenth commemorated by L.A. City Council with music, art and a series of events. Page A8

STUDIO CITY

Deputy 1 of 2 killed in crash on 101 Freeway

City News Service

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department on Wednesday is mourning a 31-year-old deputy who was one of two people killed in a multivehicle crash on the 101 Freeway in Studio City.

Deputy Marcos Pena Jr. was pronounced dead at the scene of the Tuesday morning accident by Los Angeles Fire Department personnel. Pena was off-duty at the time.

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NATION+WORLD

Trans care ban in Tennessee upheld

Supreme Court ruling on gender-affirming care for transgender minors is seen

Sports: Columnist Jim Alexander takes a look at how the Dodgers and Lakers have

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MIDDLE EAST

Israel and Iran trade new attacks

Both sides warn of more to come after third day of deadly airstrikes in region

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Israel claimed to operate almost freely in the skies over Iran during a third day of airstrikes Sunday and killed more high-ranking security figures, while some Iranian missiles slipped through Israel's air defenses. Both sides threatened to launch more attacks.

In an indication of how far Israel was prepared to go amid fears of all-out war, a U.S. official told The Associated Press that President Donald Trump in recent days vetoed an Israeli plan to kill Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. The Iranian Health Ministry said late Sunday that 224 people have been killed since Israel's attack began Friday. Spokesman Hossein Kermanpour said on social media that 1,277 other people were hospitalized. He

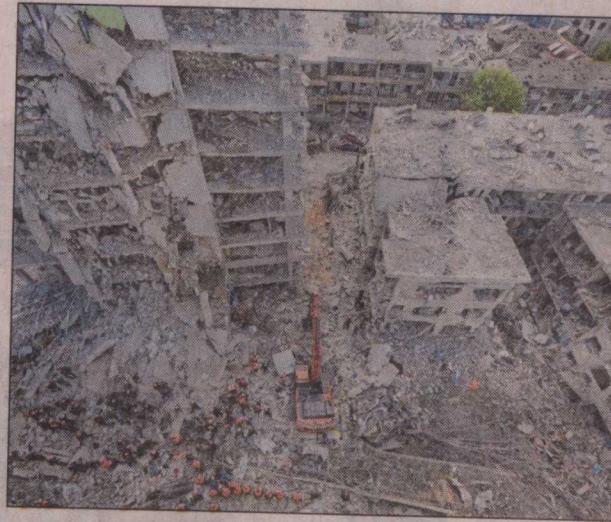
asserted that more than 90% of the casualties were civilians.

The paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, which controls Iran's arsenal of ballistic missiles, said intelligence chief Gen. Mohammad Kazemi and two other generals were the latest killed, Iran's state TV reported Sunday night. Israel's attacks have killed several top generals and nuclear scientists.

Iran also said Israel struck two oil refineries, raising the prospect of a broader assault on Iran's heavily sanctioned energy industry that could affect global

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HISTORY



Israeli soldiers search through the rubble of residential buildings destroyed by an Iranian missile strike in Bat Yam, central Israel, on Sunday. At least six people, including a 10-year-old and a 9-year-old, were killed in the strike near Tel Aviv, officials said.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Fire victims face new emotional milestone



Frank Jones and his daughter, Kara-Lisa Jones Mitchell, touch a piece of their Altadena front porch — saved for them by the Army Corps of Engineers — on June 4. Jones Mitchell wanted a piece of the porch in memory of her mother, who died shortly before the Eaton fire. She also kept a stone marker with the house's address. PHOTOS BY SARAH REINGEWIRTZ — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Clearing properties of debris brings mix of loss, sadness amid new starts

rebuilding or selling.

We asked several people who lost their homes to reflect on that moment when their land was reduced to flattened soil, a clean slate. Here are their stories:

‘IT WAS HORRIBLE’

Courtney Bonifacini, a landscape designer who lived in the family house on Ewing Street in Altadena her entire life, inherited the home from her mother. She raised her children there and had just paid off the mortgage. On Jan. 7-8, she



Courtney Bonifacini, seen on her cleared property in Altadena on June 5, plans to rebuild like-for-like after the Eaton fire. “I am going

‘NO KINGS DAY’

Some arrests and violence on fringes of SoCal rallies

38 held in L.A.; vehicle hits woman at Riverside march

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A day after mostly peaceful “No Kings Day of Defiance” demonstrations that drew tens of thousands of protesters around Southern California, details involving some violent episodes and dozens of arrests came into sharper focus.

In Los Angeles, 38 people were arrested downtown Saturday night after police directed tear gas and less-lethal rounds at crowds to move them out, reportedly after some people threw

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CALIFORNIA

‘Concerning rise’ in prison violence leads to crackdown

Attacks on officers, overdoses, contraband spur tougher rules

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California is increasing restrictions at its highest security men's prisons, including at a facility in Los Angeles County where two officers have been stabbed in recent days, as it conducts investigations into a “concerning rise” in violence, drug overdoses and contraband.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation announced Thursday it had immediately implemented a “modified program” at 21 of its Level III and Level IV facilities — classified as the two highest security

CAL STATE LONG BEACH

Rare plant smells blooming awful, and the crowds love it

Corpse flower and its stench emerge for first time since 2021

By Christina Merino
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Cal State Long Beach's famous corpse flower, named Phil, was in full bloom Wednesday.

The College of Natural Sciences put the plant on display Wednesday, which drew a crowd ready to witness the rare sight — and smell — of a corpse flower.

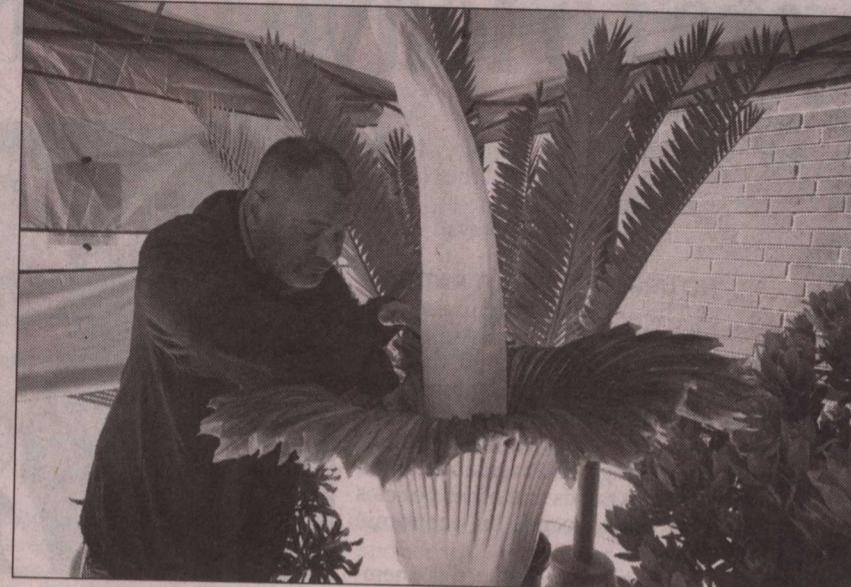
These plants, *Amorphophallus titanum* to scientists, go several years between blooms. This was the third time that Phil has bloomed since 2019; the previous time was in 2021.

When corpse flowers bloom —

according to Brian Thorson, botanical curator and botany technician at CSU Long Beach — they produce a stench like that of decaying flesh to attract carrion beetles that act as pollinators. It also attracts curious humans — who flock to campus by the thousands when it blooms.

The first 24 hours are the smelliest, Thorson said, and by the second day, the stench is more reminiscent of "a garbage can full of crab shells in the summer heat."

The College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics will publish updates on Phil on its website and on social media.



Cal State Long Beach botanist Brian Thorson on Wednesday explains why the giant bloom of a corpse flower smells like rotting meat — it's to attract the carrion beetles that pollinate the plant. PHOTO BY STEPHANIE E'AMATO

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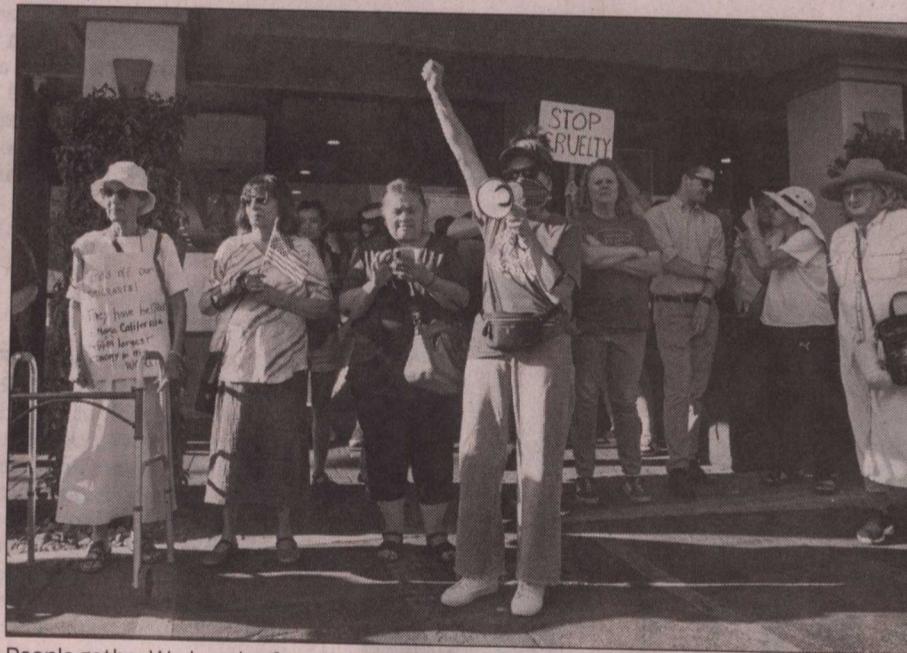
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prompting fear across an array of neighborhoods — prompted Rep. Judy Chu, D-Pasadena, and Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo to travel to a detention area in the basement of the downtown Los Angeles Edward R. Roybal Federal Building.

There, in a darkened entryway flanked by a crowd of community advocates and people who know detainees, they demanded to see six people who they said were detained in the city and to make sure their due process rights were ensured. After repeated attempts, the officials were turned away without connecting with those

detained, though Gordo — acting as an attorney — was able later to enter to help a Pomona woman get vital medication to her husband, a gardener who had been detained earlier in the day in a different raid, in La Mirada.

"That is two generations of neglect by our politicians and business leaders. It is not fair to punish only ordinary working men and women for that neglect," he said. Finally, calling out President Trump by his own catchphrase, Gómez said that ideals of freedom and equality, long expressed in the Declaration of Independence, "have always been what make America great. Ours is the first nation founded on principles rooted in the Jewish and Christian scriptures, the truth that all men and women are created equal, with God-given dignity and rights that can never be denied by any government."



People gather Wednesday for a vigil and protest organized by the National Day Laborer Organizing Network following an immigration raid in Pasadena earlier in the day. People held signs and chanted near the site of the arrests at Orange Grove Boulevard and Los Robles Avenue in Pasadena. The event took place in the parking lot and along the sidewalks of the Orange Grove Shopping Center on Wednesday evening. PHOTO BY MARK SAVAGE



Rep. Judy Chu, D-Pasadena, talks to a federal homeland security officer on Wednesday. RYAN CARTER — STAFF

Another resident, who wished to remain anonymous, recorded what appeared to be ICE agents stopping in front of Urth Caffé farther southeast, on Colorado Boulevard at Madison Avenue in Pasadena.

That account particularly incensed Chu, who in recent weeks has led a delegation to investigate ICE facility conditions, including at the Adelanto Immigration and Customs Enforcement Processing Center, near Victorville.

"That was beyond the pale. This brute of a guy jumps out of a car and points a gun (at the person taking pictures). He could have shot him. And for what? For the crime of using his video?" said Chu, who was ultimately joined by state Sen. Sasha Renée Pérez, who represents the area in the state Legislature.

ICE officials could not be reached on Wednesday for

Congress to enter, were unsuccessful. And it would take several attempts before Gordo got in, pleading with guards about the medicine needed by a detainee — a reason for which he didn't come in the first place.

"That's disenfranchisement of not only a member of Congress but of the people who elected her," Gordo said. "They denied the people's representative to do that."

The National Day Laborer Organizing Network condemned the ICE raid, saying federal agents abducted six immigrant workers.

"ICE is attacking the very same people who build, remediate, clean, protect, improve, maintain and rebuild our community. Immigrants who cleared the debris around our homes and businesses when wildfires raged in January," said Pablo Alvarado, NDLON's co-executive

people there were trying to get the ID from this individual wearing military clothes — a black vest and wearing a mask. He was looking for someone to detain. Then he got out of his car and he pulled a gun on us," said Jose, who did not give his last name for fear of reprisals. He said the gun was a 9mm pistol.

"He got back in his car and went south. I called 9-1-1. He was trying to get somebody into his car but I don't think he took anybody," Jose said.

Around 9 a.m., Pasadena Police officers arrived at the intersection and took a report from witnesses.

City of Pasadena spokesperson Lisa Derderian said the city was looking into the incident, but said Pasadena Police does not coordinate or participate with the federal government's enforcement activities.

"Immigration enforcement is the responsibility of the federal government, not state or local governments," the statement read. "Our focus and priority will remain on enforcing state and local laws to ensure the safety and well-being of our diverse community."

"We at the City of Pasadena are deeply saddened and concerned by the events that have taken place in the region over the past several days surrounding the federal government's immigration enforcement activities," a city statement said.

The Pasadena Unified School District said in a state-

continued running all day. Sitting at the stop waiting for the bus to arrive around noon was Shawn Pelletier, who said he served in the U.S. Marines.

"President Trump is doing a great job. Keep up the good work," Pelletier said. Pelletier is a U.S. citizen and was born in Los Angeles.

But the fact that it happened at or near an L.A. Metro bus stop caught the eye of Metro Board Chair and LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn, who said she directed Metro staffers to report back to the board about Metro's protocols, if ICE agents board a bus or train.

L.A. COUNTY

Hundreds of people have been detained by federal agents since the Trump administration's ramped-up immigration enforcement began on June 6.

That enforcement has led to dozens of workers detained by ICE officers in a series of raids that include in LA's fashion district and at Home Depot and other store parking lots in Southern California, including in the cities of Whittier, Santa Fe Springs, Pico Rivera, Irvine and Downey.

On Tuesday, federal agents conducted immigration raids throughout Pico Rivera, prompting the city's top administrator's concern about "increasingly concerned about the nature and tone of these recent actions."

Chu said she was also at the facility to see Adrian Martinez, a 20-year-old who local leaders said was a U.S. citizen detained in a raid in Pico Rivera.

On Wednesday, Maria Esther Murillo showed up just to see if she could deliver medicine for her husband, Jose, a gardener who had been detained while working earlier in the day in La Mirada. Tears flowed as she and her daughter, Denise, waited at the imposing door with a speaker on it that leads to an area where inmates can speak to loved ones across a barrier.

From Mexico, he'd been working in the U.S. for 20 years, she said. After the larger crowd left, a detention officer let her in, accompanied by Gordo, who hadn't originally come to the site for that reason.

Gordo said the guard asked the detainee if he had any property on him that he wanted to give to his wife

defended his tactics last week against criticism that authorities are being too heavy-handed. He has said ICE is averaging about 1,600 arrests per day and that the agency has arrested "dangerous criminals."

Amid massive protests over his policies last weekend, the Trump administration directed immigration officers to pause arrests at farms, restaurants and hotels, after Trump expressed alarm about the impact aggressive enforcement is having on those industries, the Associated Press reported, citing a U.S. official familiar with the matter who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

But at the same time, he appears to have doubled down on Democrat-run cities, such as in and around L.A., where dozens of smaller cities are home to many immigrant families and businesses that rely on them. That ramp-up appears to be in pursuit of a quota "to achieve the very important goal of delivering the single largest Mass Deportation Program in History," Trump said on social media.

The raids, however, have sparked strong rebukes in an area where advocates say many who are being apprehended are not the violent criminals that Trump promised would be the focus of federal enforcement.

"These raids have targeted our immigrant neighbors in parking lots, Home Depot, grocery stores, car washes, swap meets, churches, and other places of work where people are simply trying to make a living," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis on Tuesday. "These are hardworking individuals, business owners, abuelitos, fathers, mothers, sisters, and brothers whose removal have already had devastating consequences to our communities and our families."

The result has been fear generated in L.A. County, where nearly one in every five Angelenos are either undocumented or live with someone who is, a "man-made disaster," said county Supervisor Holly Mitchell.

VIGIL FOR THE DETAINED

In the evening Wednesday, around 150 to 200 people showed up outside the Winchell's Donuts in Pasadena to demand "ICE out of Dena."

The mood at the vigil

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IMMIGRATION

Trump retains National Guard

Appeals court rules president had reason to bypass Newsom to deploy troops; another hearing is today

By Kaitlyn Schallhorn and Linh Tat
STAFF WRITERS

A federal appeals court issued a ruling on Thursday evening allowing President Donald Trump to retain control of California National Guard troops he sent to Los Angeles in response to protests over immigration raids.

In a unanimous, 38-page ruling, a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that conditions in the L.A.

area were sufficient for the president to deploy the troops. Two of the judges are Trump appointees and one was appointed by former President Joe Biden.

The unsigned opinion states: "Affording appropriate deference to the President's determination, we conclude that he likely acted within his authority in federalizing the National Guard."

The decision halts a ruling from a lower

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Federal agents are denied entry to Dodger Stadium; U.S. says border agency, not ICE, went to the area

By Bill Plunkett
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LOS ANGELES — The unrest centered on federal immigration enforcement throughout the Los Angeles area has found its way to Dodger Stadium.

Federal agents were denied access to Dodger Stadium on Thursday morning. Video shows as many as 20 vehicles approaching Gate A at the stadium and being turned around by the security guard there.

Inside: Following criticism for Dodger Stadium performance, pop artist Nezza sings at L.A. City Hall. Page A6

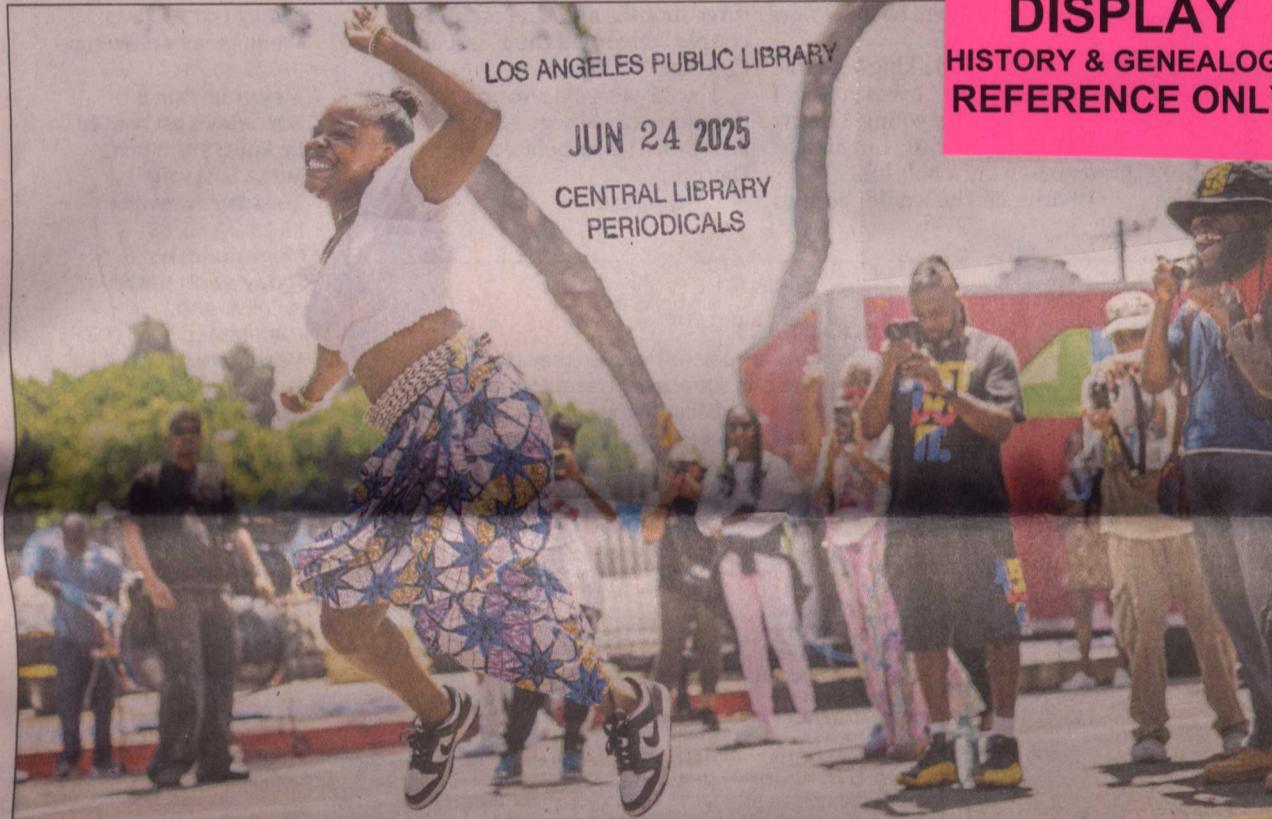
The same thing was repeated at Gate E.

It is unclear whether the agents were affiliated with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Border Patrol or both. The agencies are both part of the Department of Homeland Security.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Juneteenth events honor its rich history



Abiola Neff, 21, of the women's drum circle group Shine Muwasl, comes off the stage dancing during the Juneteenth celebration in Los Angeles' Leimert Park on Thursday. SARAH REINGEWIRTZ — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Communities celebrate the past with art, live music, dancing and much more

By Holly Andres and Tyler Shaun Evains
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Celebrations all over Los Angeles County marked Juneteenth and they all shared one thing in common: A rich sense of history.

Juneteenth marks the anniversary of Union Army Gen. Gordon Granger reading General Order No. 3 in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865. It began, "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free."

U.S. post offices were closed and mail was not delivered Thursday. All federal offices, schools and banks were also closed.

At the newly reopened Loma Alta Park in Altadena, a Juneteenth event offered a luncheon, with a program that included a preview of the upcoming Altadena Oral History Project, an Ellen Garrison Clark Scholarship Award ceremony and a quilt opportunity drawing.

Last weekend, residents observed the day



Aretha Scruggs performs "Lift Every Voice and Sing" during the Altadena Historical Society's fourth annual Juneteenth celebration at Loma Alta Park in Altadena on Thursday. HANS GUTKNECHT — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

MIDDLE EAST

Trump: Decision on Iran will come

President sets 2-week window to weigh U.S. action in conflict; airstrikes hit hospital in Israel

By Sam Mednick, Natalie Melzer and Jon Gambrell
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEERSHEBA, Israel — President Donald Trump said Thursday he will decide within two weeks whether the U.S. military will get directly involved in the conflict between Israel and Iran given the "substantial chance" for renewed negotiations over Tehran's nuclear program, as the two sides attacked one another for a seventh day.

Trump has been weighing whether to attack Iran by striking its well-defended Fordo uranium enrichment facility, which is buried under a mountain and widely considered to be out of reach of all but America's "bunker-buster" bombs. His statement was read out by White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt.

Earlier in the day, Israel's defense minister threat-

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TOURISM

LB council backs wage hikes for concession staff

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The City Council is poised to amend its Long Beach Airport and Convention Center Worker Wage Ordinance to support wage increases for concession workers at those locations, as well as for future employees of the temporary amphitheater.

The move would increase the minimum wage for concession workers from \$17.97 to \$23 per hour upon adoption and establish clear and incremental increases through 2028, eventually reaching \$29.50 an hour, city leaders said.

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LOS ANGELES PROTESTS

Judge denies Newsom's bid for quick halt to troop deployment

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California National Guard troops stand watch Tuesday at the Wilshire Federal Building in West L.A. Gov. Gavin Newsom is seeking a court order to stop the Trump administration's troop mobilization amid protests against immigration enforcement. HANS GUTKNECHT — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Court will hear case against Trump move on Thursday

By Kaitlyn Schallhorn
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A California judge Tuesday refused to grant Gov. Gavin Newsom's request for a temporary restraining order to block the Trump administration's deployment of federalized state National Guard troops and Marines to Southern California.



Instead, U.S. District Judge Newsom Charles R. Breyer, who was appointed by former President Bill Clinton, set a hearing for Thursday.

Newsom is asking the court to stop the Trump administration's mobilization of troops amid large demonstrations that have broken out over the past few days to protest federal immigration enforcement operations in the area.

The Trump administration on Sunday federalized California's National Guard, mobilizing more than 4,000 troops to Los Angeles to respond to the protests over immigration enforcement efforts. The president also ordered some 700

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Bass orders curfew in downtown area

By Nathaniel Percy, Sean Emery and Hanna Kang
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Saying the city had reached a "tipping point" following days of unrest and increasing vandalism in the wake of protests over immigration raids, Mayor Karen Bass ordered a curfew Tuesday for a small part of Los Angeles most affected by the violence.

The downtown curfew was set to be in effect from 8 p.m. Tuesday to 6 a.m. today, with violators subject to arrest and prosecution,

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Federal law enforcement and National Guardsmen stand ready during a protest outside the federal Metropolitan Detention Center in Los Angeles on Tuesday. HANS GUTKNECHT — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SOUTHLAND ICE agents in home?

Amid rising immigration enforcement, here are rights that protect families. A7

NORTH CAROLINA Trump decries protests



President Donald Trump called protesters in L.A. "animals" on Tuesday in North Carolina. A6

PUBLIC HEALTH

County program aims to step up measles vaccines

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In an effort to prevent the spread of measles locally, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted on Tuesday to launch a program that includes stepping up vaccination.

the cases arise from people who are not vaccinated.

The United States is experiencing the worst measles outbreak in recent years, the supervisors reported. As of May 16, 1,024 measles cases have been confirmed in 31 jurisdictions, including California. There have

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Hegseth grilled on troops in L.A.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth

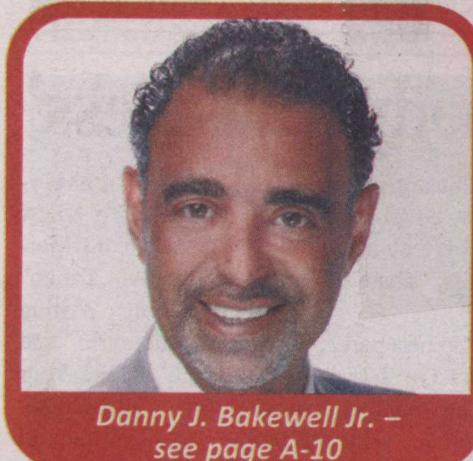
LONG BEACH

Verdict against LAUSD in boy's death reversed

City News Service

A state appellate court reversed a jury verdict Monday against the Los Angeles Unified School District in a lawsuit in which the mother of a 6-year-old Long Beach boy who was fatally beaten the day after

Plaintiff Kenya Taylor, the 42-year-old mother of Dayvon Taylor, maintained the school district negligently hired, retained and supervised her son's accused killer, Tyler D'Shaun Martin Brand, for an after-school program. In an August 2023 verdict, jurors



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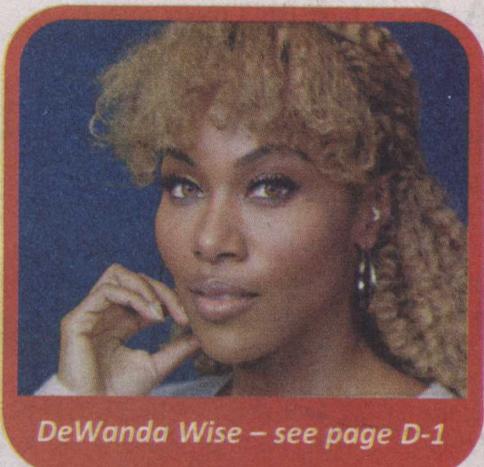
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Mayor Bass' 'State of the City' Address Shows Readiness for L.A.'s Challenges — and a Promise of a Winning Future

BY LILA BROWN
Contributing Writer

In a packed City Council chamber led by the historic presence of the city's first majority-female Council, Mayor Karen Bass delivered a comprehensive and emotionally resonant "State of the City" address on April 21, painting a clear-eyed picture of Los Angeles' current challenges and its resilient path forward.

Council President Marqueece Harris-Dawson opened the evening with a stirring reflection on the significance of the moment.

"Today, we celebrate the city's strength... and we honor the leaders who help guide us," he said, emphasizing the importance of diverse leadership.

"I can't think of a better leader... than someone who has been weather-tested, who has seen the toughest things but stands tall every time."

Mayor Bass began her address with an affirmation

of Angeleno resilience: "L.A. never gives up. LA always rises."

She led with updates on the city's rapid recovery efforts in the Palisades following recent wildfires, proudly noting that the pace of rebuilding is "on track to be the fastest in California history."

She cited water and power restoration timelines that dramatically outpaced those following previous state disasters, and proposed an ordinance to waive all plan check and permit fees for affected

residents.

Bass introduced several innovations to expedite rebuilding, including a self-certification program aimed at streamlining bureaucratic hurdles, ensuring residents can rebuild their lives faster and more affordably.

The mayor also addressed the city's recent strides in public safety. Based on 2024 data, homicides dropped by 14%, with the largest decrease

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Mayor Karen Bass outlines the city's challenges and resilient path forward during her "State of the City" address on April 21. Council President Marqueece Harris-Dawson, right, listens to her forceful message.



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Councilmembers, city department managers, and members of the public attend the "State of the City" address delivered by Mayor Karen Bass, right.

Oakland Mayoral Race: Barbara Lee Accepts Victory With 'Responsibility, Humility and Love'

BY ANTONIO RAY HARVEY
California Black Media

As a candidate for mayor, former U.S. Representative Barbara Lee released a "10-point plan" last week to reassure residents that she will tackle Oakland's most pressing challenges.

Now that she has edged out her competitors in the ranked-choice special election with 50% or more of the vote, the former Congresswoman, who represented parts of the Bay Area in the U.S. House of Representatives, can put her vision in motion as the

city's first Black woman mayor.

"I accept your choice with a deep sense of responsibility, humility, and love. Oakland is a deeply divided City," Lee said in an April 19 statement.

"I answered the call to run to unite our community, so that I can represent every voter, and we can all work together as One Oakland to solve our most pressing problems."

As of April 18, Lee had secured 47,045 votes (50.0%), while Loren Manuel Taylor trailed her with 42,276 (44.9%) votes,



Oakland Mayor Barbara Lee

according to Alameda County election results. Lee and Taylor were

Sheng Thao, was recalled in November.

On Saturday evening, Taylor conceded to Lee. There are still about 300 Vote-by-Mail ballots left to be verified, according to county election officials. The ballots will be processed on April 21 and April 22.

"This morning, I called Congresswoman Barbara Lee to congratulate her on becoming the next Mayor of Oakland," Taylor said in a statement.

"I pray that Mayor-Elect Lee fulfills her commitment to unify Oakland by authentically engaging

the 47% of Oaklanders who voted for me and who want pragmatic, results-driven leadership."

The influential Oakland Post endorsed Lee's campaign, commending her leadership on the local, state, and federal levels.

Paul Cobb, The Post's publisher, told California Black Media that Lee will bring back "respect and accountability" to the mayor's office.

"She is going to be a collegial leader drawing on the advice of community nonprofit organizations and {See **OAKLAND MAYOR BARBARA LEE** on A-11}

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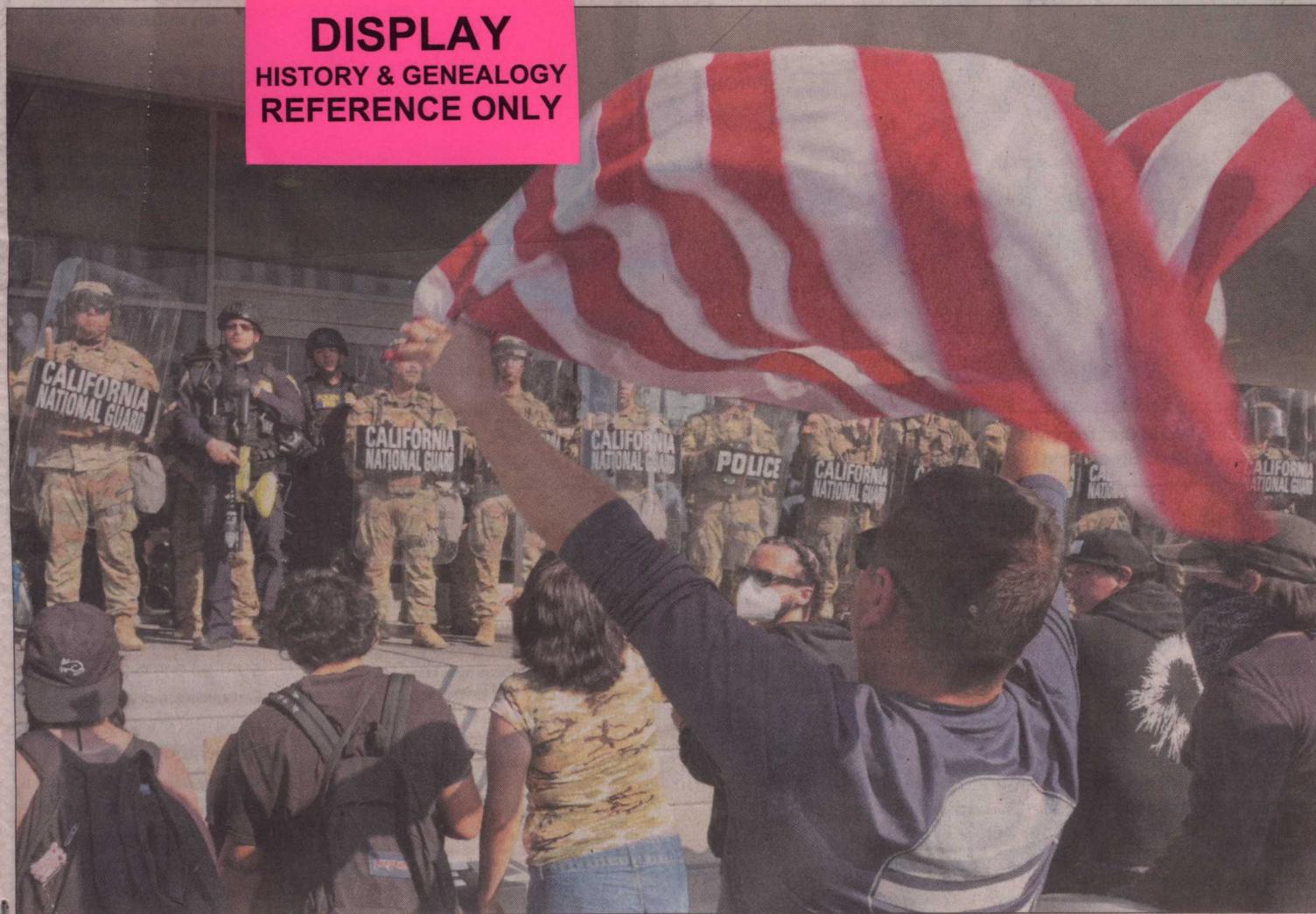
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STATE SUES OVER GUARD

California files lawsuit against Trump administration for deploying troops at protests

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Protesters confront California National Guard members in Los Angeles on Monday. DAVID CRANE — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

By Kaitlyn Schallhorn
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California sued the Trump administration Monday over its federalization of the state's National Guard, alleging the move to deploy some 2,000 troops across the state without the approval of the governor or local law enforcement is unlawful.

California Attorney General Rob Bonta called the Trump administration's move unnecessary and said it "trampled" California's sovereignty.

If local law enforcement officials, who have been responding to wide-scale demonstrations since the federal government ramped up immigration enforcement efforts in the Los Angeles area, needed more help, then there were other steps to take to bring in that aid, Bonta said.

"We don't take lightly to the president abusing his authority and unlawfully mobilizing California National Guard troops," Bonta told reporters.

The White House said in a statement Monday that Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, "should thank (Trump) for restoring law and order."

"Gavin Newsom should march back to his Attorney General's Office to prosecute the anti-ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) rioters who burned

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U.S. MILITARY

Marines get OK to deploy

Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth on Monday ordered about 700 infantry Marines based in Twentynine Palms to deploy to Los Angeles to provide support for the National Guard. A5



National Guard members take position in L.A. amid immigration enforcement protests.
PHOTO BY AXEL KOESTER

LOS ANGELES

Thousands return for protests

Anti-ICE demonstrations more peaceful; U.S. moves to deploy Marines

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A day after weekend clashes between law enforcement officials and demonstrators in Los Angeles, and the reported deployment Monday of 700 Marines to assist National Guard units already in place, thousands of people returned to protest while an extraordinary confrontation between federal and state leaders over governance of public safety in the nation's second-largest city intensified.



People protesting recent federal immigration raids face off with police in downtown Los Angeles on Monday. DAVID CRANE — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

L.A. PROTESTS

Dems defend union leader

Why did the detainment of union leader David Huerta last week at a Los Angeles protest against an apparent immigration raid galvanize California Democrats and lead many to jump to his defense? A6



California union leader David Huerta, who was detained at a protest last week, was released on bond Monday. CAL MATTERS



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LONG BEACH

City leaders and hospital spotlight gun violence

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Long Beach officials, first responders, hospital staff and community members gathered at Civic Center Plaza last

children and teens.

Gun violence is the leading cause of death among children and teens in the United States, officials said, ahead of motor vehicle crashes.

The event, on Friday, was



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INSIDE: Six Steps, a revolutionary

ALTADENA

L.A. coffee chain Mad Lab brewing solace after fire

By Anissa Rivera
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Andrew Sinclair couldn't have timed it any closer to the tragedy: He signed the lease to open his coffee shop in Altadena the day

on Jan. 31.

Driving into the area days after Jan. 7, Sinclair, 33, brought coffee from his other Mad Lab shops as well as slices of Joe's Pizza Guys for first responders. He found his way to his newly